



# The Sportsman

## The Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association Newsletter

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Clubhouse phone: (717) 691-9323

## **\*2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE\***

Renew from October 1, 2015 through February 15, 2016 with **NO** reinstatement fee

If your application is not received and post dated by November 31, 2015, you may not have access to the club on January 1, 2016 as it takes 30+ days for applications to be processed and checks to clear the bank.

Gate access is turned off between January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd, 2016 unless renewals were received by November 31, 2015.

Dues for 2016 are \$65.00 Adult/\$105.00 Family. Because of construction limiting availability, the archery/.22 indoor range fee for the one year of 2016 will be reduced to \$10.00.

It has always been a club rule that each renewal must be on a CURRENT year application. As of Open Enrolment on October 1, 2015, all prior year applications will be returned. It takes a minimum of 30 days for checks to clear the bank and renewal of membership to be processed. Incomplete applications, old applications, or incorrect payments will result in the application being returned which can delay the processing.

All **Life Members** **MUST** complete and sign a 2016 application to stay active. 2015 or older applications will be returned. If adding spouse, please include the \$25.00 payment. Access to the Indoor Archery/.22 Range requires inclusion of the \$10.00 payment.

**New Memberships** for 2016 require a sponsor. Sponsors are current members in good standing for one year without lapse after February 15, 2015. All new memberships are reviewed by the Board Of Directors at the monthly Director's meeting. If there is a concern with your sponsorship, you will be contacted by the Membership Officer.

All **New Members** must attend the General Membership Meeting the first Wednesday of the month they are being voted in to receive their credentials. If a New Member does not attend the membership meeting they will not receive their credentials until they do attend a general membership meeting.

**Gate Key Fob** replacements can be obtained at membership meetings. Cost: \$15.00.

**NRA Memberships** are available through the club web site. Look for an NRA Icon. Click on the icon to go directly to the NRA membership website. MSPA receives credit for NRA Memberships this way.

**Indoor Center Fire Range #2:** If you have qualified for the Indoor Center Fire Range or if you would like to qualify for access, please contact Stan Gregg at 717-691-7930 **before mailing in your 2016 application**. Those who received instructions in 2015 can follow those same instructions for 2016 without calling.

**Military Memberships:** To avoid delay in processing, call the Membership Officer before submitting a Membership New Application or Renewal.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Membership Officer Sharon Gregg at 717-691-7930 before sending your application.

***Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association  
2015 Officers, Directors, & Chairpersons***

**Officers**

President	Dennis Fillmore	732-3148
Recording Secretary	Dave Prosser	576-6725
Membership Secretary	Sharon Gregg	691-7930
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	Dan Herlt	329-4633
Event Coordinator	Sharon Gregg	433-8025
Finance & Fund Raising	Bob Dunn	766-0770
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
Youth Archery	Julia Yarlett	579-7339

**Committee Chairpersons**

Range Safety & Security	Stan Gregg	691-7930
Hunter Education	Eric Joyner	
Kids' Fishing Derby	Dave Weaver	761-5553
Newsletter	Ron Keslar	432-9039
Public Relations	Sharon Gregg	691-7930
Rifle Range Maintenance	Russell Brooks	712-3492
.22 Rifle	John Gingrich	789-4689
Web Site	Dan Herlt	

[www.msa-pa.org](http://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 web site and MSA benefits, also. Adult and Junior NRA Memberships are available. Go to the club website to connect with the NRA.



**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

I would like to thank those members who volunteered to help make 2015 another successful year for MSPA programs and events.

Beginning with youth archery, 4-H Shooting Sports, the youth 22 program and the kids' fishing derby, MSPA continues to serve the youth of our community. With ongoing NRA classes, shooting matches, weekly trap shoots, block shoots, the several archery tournaments and our co-op trout program, it has been another great year. MSPA functions with the assistance of our member volunteers and their help is greatly appreciated.

Some may have noticed that the old clubhouse is in the process of being replaced. Work has already begun and the new building will be started sometime this fall, with completion expected by late winter/early spring. The old building has long been plagued with water infiltration, mold issues and general deterioration. Beyond that, it has often proven too small to accommodate some venues.

Some adjustments will have to be made during the replacement process, like the temporary loss of our block shoots, indoor archery and 22. Please be patient as we move along with these improvements.

It will soon be time for 2016 renewals which begin October first, so please help us with the process by sending in applications early.

Thanks again to all who have helped keep MSPA moving forward.

Denny Fillmore

**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!!***

## **1<sup>ST</sup> VP REPORT/CHIEF RANGE OFFICER**

By Stanley L. Gregg

We are getting close to the hunting season and the 50/100 yard ranges will be seeing more use for sighting-in rifles. Please make sure to assign a range officer when there is more than one shooter on the range and sign in when using any of the ranges. The club rule of not stapling your targets to the range frames also includes the 100 yards. Please make sure your targets are set between the frames to avoid damaging them. Stapling/shooting into the frames is a club violation.

Please remember that all range maintenance is being done by volunteers. Please respect their work and time by making sure to pick up your brass and remove your targets when you are done shooting.

Please make sure you only do standing shooting on the 7- and 15-yard ranges. These ranges were designed for standing only and not to be used from a sitting position.

Please respect the Club Security Officers if approached on the ranges. You will not be approached if you are following club rules and are displaying club ID.

As always, I am available if you see something you feel is an unsafe act or have basic club range rule questions. Call 717-691-7930.

**Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction!**

## **RIMFIRE STEEL PLATE RIFLE/PISTOL SHOOT & HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCHES**

By Stanley L. Gregg

The Steel Plate Shoots consist of 50 round fired with a \$10.00 registration fee and are held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am in the Pit. You must register by 10:30 am at the latest.

The High Power Matches are held in late spring through early fall on one Sunday a month on the 100-yard range with a \$15.00 registration fee.

All dates and times for these shoots are listed on the web site under the Program Tab as well as the club calendar. All programs are open to non-club members. If you are interested in either of these programs or have any questions, please feel free to call Stanley Gregg at 717-691-7930.

### ***CHECK THE CLUB WEB SITE!***

During the renovation of the old clubhouse, more activities will be scheduled at other locations around the club. It is a good idea to check the club web site before coming out to make sure the facility you want to use will be available. [www.msa-pa.org](http://www.msa-pa.org) is the club website address. All club information, activities, news, events, calendar, and general information will be available on the web site. Please check the web site before visiting the club.

### **ATTENTION MSA MEMBERS**

The ONLY place that broadhead arrows are permitted is at the sand pit. The use of any broadheads on regular target butts will damage them and cause a hazard to subsequent users.

The use of broadheads anywhere other than the sand pit will result in loss of membership.

### **Range Courtesy**

**Before shooting, alert all of the other shooters on the range  
and make sure they have their hearing protection on!**





By Sharon Gregg, Director

The Women On Target Program did very well again this year. Eight clinics were held at Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Protective Association. We were also fortunate to receive a NRA Grant which helped purchase teaching materials, targets, ammunition, and other much needed supplies. A special thanks to the Cumberland Valley Friends of The NRA for supporting the MSPA Women On Target Program!



I would like to also give a BIG THANKS to all the NRA Certified Instructors who took time out of their busy weekend schedules to assist with the Clinics. Without their help, this program could not be such a great success.

The 2016 clinics will be listed on the club web site under the NRA Women On Target Program Tab. For anyone who has attended the Women On Target Clinics and would like further instruction, I have free time available during the winter and would be glad to do one-on-one instruction for a small donation to the club. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 717-691-7930.



**2016**  
**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.**

Renewal/New Applications, **please allow a minimum of 30+ days from post marked date for your check to clear and the processing to be completed.** Any Membership Applications postdated after November 30, 2015 will not be guaranteed access to Club Grounds as of January 1, 2016. New Members will be contacted when application is going to the Board Of Directors for review, once contacted you will be informed of the date your application will be presented and voted on at the Membership Meeting. Membership Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 pm. **New Members are required to attend the General Membership Meeting to receive your credentials.**

New Membership starts when your credentials are received.

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

**For club information call (717) 691-7930 Sharon, email [mechanicsburgsportsmen@aol.com](mailto:mechanicsburgsportsmen@aol.com) 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 fund-raising 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:

☐ Children's Fishing Derby  
☐ Carpentry  
☐ Kitchen / Food Stand / Help at Club Events  
☐ IT  
☐ Block Shoots  
☐ Trap Shoots  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Rifle Range Maintenance  
☐ Archery  
☐ Fish Nursery  
☐ Masonry  
☐ Work Party  
☐ Electrical

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

*Received copy of rules:\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_*

**2016**  
**Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association**  
**Membership Application**  
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*Main gate and indoor range access will be updated by January 1, 2016. Membership expires December 31, 2015.  
Renewals are due October 1 thru December 31. You must renew by February 15 to avoid the \$15.00 Reinstatement Fee.*

**\*Required Information**

**\*New Members must have a current Member sponsor them. The Sponsor Member must have been in our organization in good standing for 1 Year: \*Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Sponsor ID# \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*NEW APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_ \*RENEWAL Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_**  
**\*ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\*CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ \*STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\*PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 or cancellation of membership. A copy of the Ground & Range Rules are provided to new members, a copy of Bi-Laws is available to members upon request from the Membership Secretary.*

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

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

**\*SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ FOB Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(if last name not same as head of household-proof of living at same address must be provided) (current mbr)**

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

<b>*CHILDS NAME: _____</b>	<b>*BIRTHDATE ____/____/____</b>
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<b>*CHILDS NAME: _____</b>	<b>*BIRTHDATE ____/____/____</b>
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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.
- \_\_\_ **\$65.00 Adult Membership:** Age 18 and older.
- \_\_\_ **\$105.00 Family Membership:** Includes member, spouse, and children age 17 and younger.
- \_\_\_ **\$25.00 Spouse: Life Members only-ANNUAL** fee to add spouse.
- \_\_\_ **\$10.00 Indoor Archery / .22 rim fire range** [Short, Long, LR only]. ANNUAL FEE until 2016 back to \$15.00
- \_\_\_ **Active Duty Military Membership: MUST Contact Membership Secretary Yearly No Exceptions**
- \_\_\_ **\$35.00 Add Active Duty Spouse/Family** (add Spouse information above)

**\*\*\*\*\*To obtain your 2015 indoor center fire pistol range access or to schedule qualification firing, contact Stan Gregg @ 717-691-7930 before mailing this application.**

\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a Donation in lieu of volunteer work

**PLEASE JOIN THE NRA THROUGH OUR WEB SITE! MSA GETS CREDIT AS BEING A NRA SPONSOR CLUB!**

**TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_**

Application Revised Aug. 26, 2015

This Application supersedes any and all prior Applications-2015 Application must be on this form.

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# Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot!

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## **FISH NURSERY**

By Dave Eakin

The fish are growing and getting bigger. This growth is due to our dedicated feeders. The trout get hand fed 3 times a day. Thanks to all the feeders. We will be stocking the pond over the fall and winter when pond temperatures and help allows. No firm dates yet. Keep eye on website for dates. If you are interested in helping at the fish nursery please email me or call me. I don't think we have any feeder positions open right now, but we will take names and when a spot opens up I will call you. Also if you just want to help stock, contact me with your phone number and I will call when we need help stocking.

We will be holding a Fishing derby at the Fish Nursery on Saturday September 12th. There will be residents from several local nursing homes fishing for some very nice trout. We stock the stream below the fish nursery and have them line up in wheelchairs and chairs. We filet the fish for them to take home and provide a lunch. Look for pictures on website.

We had a flood that killed some of our bigger trout this summer. We lost around 15 fish, a 27 inch, and two 22 inch were the biggest ones lost. We still have some big fish left and hopefully with plenty of food they will get as big as the ones we lost.

## **4-H SHOOTING SPORTS**

4-H is a community of young people across America who learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. Mechanicsburg's 4-H Shooting Sports Program stands out as an example. Youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, record-keeping and much more. The activities of the program and the support of NRA-Certified adult leaders provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth, responsibility, and ethics.

The program offers junior shooters an opportunity to be engaged in positive youth development experiences and recognized for marksmanship performance. Juniors learn to shoot air rifle, air pistol, .22 rifle, shotgun, and muzzle loaders. The Shooting Sports Program develops skills for life and activities for a lifetime.

We just finished the 2014-2015 program with the muzzle loading rifle project. In all, twelve youth were involved in different projects ranging from Air Rifle to .22 Riflery. The 2015-2016 program begins with the first meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 6 at the clubhouse across from the trap field. Boys and girls, ages 10-16, are welcome to join. Point of contact: Ron Keslar, [rjkeslar@aol.com](mailto:rjkeslar@aol.com).

## **RELOADING CLASS -- RIFLE & PISTOL CARTRIDGES**

For the price of two boxes of ammunition, you can gain the lifetime skill of ammunition reloading. Attend the NRA Basic Reloading Course for Metallic Cartridges held at MSA on Saturday, February 28, 2016 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. A team of NRA Certified Firearms Instructors will provide this 8-hour course which covers the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to safely reload metallic cartridges for your rifle or handgun. The \$50 fee covers the NRA Reloading textbook, NRA Safety Rules pamphlet, use of all reloading equipment and supplies, as well as a full day's training.

Topics include introduction to reloading and reloading safety, using the reloading manual and reloading data, selecting and setting up reloading equipment, requirements for a basic reloading bench, and a hands-on opportunity to practice reloading pistol and rifle cartridges.

An NRA Certificate of Completion will be awarded for successfully completing the course. This is not an advanced reloading course; it is intended for beginning reloaders. Pre-registration is required as class size is limited—for more information or to register for the class, contact Ron Keslar, 717-432-9039, [rjkeslar@aol.com](mailto:rjkeslar@aol.com).

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

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## **CHILD GUN SAFETY**

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

**STOP!**  
**Leave the Area.**

**Don't Touch.**  
**Tell an Adult.**

Support the NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program!

## **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.

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



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### ***BLOCK SHOOTS***

by Dave Eakin, Block Shoot Director

The block shoots are on hold until the new clubhouse is finished. No dates yet when that might happen. Please keep an eye on the club web page. I will try to get an advertisement in newspaper with start dates. You also can contact me 717-448-3892 or [dae1931@comcast.net](mailto:dae1931@comcast.net). Also anyone interested in helping at the Block Shoots, please contact me.

### **2016 YOUTH CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY**

The 2016 Children's Fishing Derby is to be held in April of 2016. Dates will be posted on the Club calendar and on the front page of the Web Site in March 2016. Donations of Gift Certificates and Fishing supplies are appreciated. If you are interested in making any donations please contact Dave Weaver at 717-761-5553.

**Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to use!**

**www.msa-pa.org is the club web site and the primary source of up to date club news and event schedules.**