



# The Sportsman

The Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association Newsletter  
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## WOMEN ON TARGET PISTOL CLINICS

By Sharon Gregg

The Women On Target Clinics this year at Mechanicsburg Sportsmen graduated over 70 women. These clinics are quickly picking up in popularity. Right now, MSA is the only club in the area that is offering them. Without the help of all the club volunteer NRA Instructors, our Women On Target Clinics would not be possible! I would like to take a minute to thank all those who came out to help this year: John Yankowski, Ron Keslar, Sean Leighton, Stan Gregg, Dan Moyer, EJ Barben, Jason Alameda, Kevin Wise, Russ Brooks, Don Atkinson, Bud Steager, Bill Reiner, Andrew Williams, Dennis Fillmore, Carl and Dan Keslar and Dan Hertl.

Next year's dates and times will be posted on the web site and at the club when they become available. We will continue to offer Women On Target First Steps Pistol training. In addition, the more advanced Women On Target Basic Pistol Clinic will be open for those who already took the Women On Target First Step Pistol Clinic. Also planned is a Women On Target Rifle Clinic. All Clinics will require a \$30.00 non-refundable deposit.



## MSPA MEMBERS ENJOY FISHING TRIP

The results of the Charter Boat fishing trip on Lake Ontario donated to MSPA by Capt. Jim Shambaugh as a raffle prize for those who participated in club work parties are pictured here.

Left to right are Capt. Jim, Phil Snyder (raffle prize winner), Mike Zakis & Bill Gardner. Picture taken by Randy Gardner. Catch includes King Salmon and Steelheads.

Capt. Jim, a Dillsburg resident and member of our club, is highly recommended by all participants and can be reached at [www.luv2fishlakeontario.com](http://www.luv2fishlakeontario.com).

## 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 Dennis Fillmore (732-3148) or Stan Gregg (691-7930) for a permit and directions as to which areas of the club has wood to be harvested.

Questions about the club? Send them to [mechanicsburgsportsmen@aol.com](mailto:mechanicsburgsportsmen@aol.com)

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association  
493 Sample Bridge Road, Enola, PA 17025

***Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association  
2013 Officers, Directors, & Chairpersons***

**Officers**

President	Dennis Fillmore	732-3148
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Membership Secretary	Sharon Gregg	691-7930
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Archery	Phil Mentzer	766-8001
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Fish Nursery & Block Shoots	Dave Eakin	245-9664
Fish Pond	Jim Weigher	790-9339
Game Legislation & Habitat	Don Heckman	761-5925
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Trap	Jeff Koser	418-2872
Youth Archery	Julia Yarlett	579-7339
Advisor to the Board	Charlie Kemberling	737-3326
Advisor to the Board	Jerry Coleman	766-2250

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Range Safety & Security	Stan Gregg	691-7930
Hunter Education	Dave Still	730-7373
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

**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.



**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***

2013 has been another busy year at MSPA, as summer fades away and autumn rolls around. Hunting seasons are drawing close, bringing increased range use and activity at our club. Please be sure to observe all club regulations, especially those for range use and be patient if ranges become even busier than usual. It's that time of the year again. Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable hunting season, whatever your favorite season happens to be.

A few more improvements are in the works, with a pavilion to be added at the 15 yard range firing line sometime this fall. The archery broad head sand pit is now located a bit farther to the left, with some additional improvements planned there. And just a reminder that this is the ONLY place that broad heads may be used on MSPA ranges. If you hunt on club property, remember to observe Safety Zone signs.

Thanks again to all those who volunteered their time this year to make MSPA a better place and welcome to our new members.

Regards, Denny Fillmore

***CLUB NEWSLETTER IS GOING ON-LINE***

More and more people have access to the Internet. The MSA newsletter and club calendar have been posted on the club web site for many years. Printing and mailing costs of the paper version of newsletter are a substantial budget item. At a number of recent membership and Board meetings, the topic of discontinuing the print version of the newsletter has been discussed and considered favorably.

The club is now issuing a printed newsletter only once a year in October. This October edition carries the 2014 club new application and renewal form that must be used for all 2014 memberships. Visit the MSPA web site for event schedules and notice of other activities.

## ***1ST VICE PRESIDENT/CLUB SECURITY REPORT***

By Stan Gregg

Deer Season is soon here and this will mean an increase of the use of the 100 yard range. I would like to remind you of club rules that are to be followed at all times when on the shooting ranges.

Club membership cards must be displayed at all times when on club grounds  
You must sign in when using club ranges  
A Range Officer must be assigned when more than one person is on the shooting line  
Targets are NOT to be stapled to the frames--no shooting at the frames  
No center fire rifles are permitted at the 7- and 15-yard ranges-please read the signs!  
No shooting prior to 9:00 am. Quitting time is posted at the ranges  
No guests are allowed at ANY time

(If you want to hunt at the club you need to read the club Hunting Rules. All PA Game Commission regulations must be followed.)

I have seen a lot of members using full silhouette targets. Care must be taken to position the targets only on the plywood between the frames, not on the frames. If you are caught with the targets attached to the frames or you are shooting at the frames you will be given a warning or suspension.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions on the club rules. As a member you have the right to ask others to see their club membership cards if they are not displaying them. You can report any unsafe activity and write down ID # or Names and report them.

### ***RUGER .22 RIMFIRE STEEL PLATE CHALLENGE***

By Stan Gregg, Director

I have started a Rim Fire .22 Steel Plate Challenge at the Club. Right now we are just shooting .22 Rifles and Pistols. Any questions on this shoot please contact me @ 717-691-7930.

### ***YOUTH .22 PROGRAM***

By John Gingrich

The youth .22 program has begun their fall season. We teach fundamentals of shooting, rifle and range safety, and positions for competition. We practice Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. When our students are ready, we travel to other ranges in PA in order to compete. Students are also able to earn NRA Marksmanship Qualification rockers to show their progress. These patches give the students tangible evidence of their continuing improvement.

We offer an NRA basic rifle class for youth 8 to 20 years old. It is scheduled for January and February 2014, but we do not have specific dates set as of yet. The class is free to all youth. We have club rifles that can be used, but you will need to supply your own .22 ammo. We are limiting the class to 12 students. You can contact the coach, John Gingrich, by phone at 717-789-4689, by email at [john@gingrichfam.us](mailto:john@gingrichfam.us), or on Facebook at MSA Youth .22 Program.



### ***CLUB WEB SITE UPDATE***

[www.msa-pa.org](http://www.msa-pa.org) is the club website address. The Board of Directors has been announcing at the membership meetings that there will no longer be a news letter mailed quarterly. You will receive 1 news letter a year at the time of open enrolment which begins in October. The club is updating our web site. 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. If there are any club security issues or closings they will be announced on the front page of the site. You can also find what ranges are closed on the club calendar tab. The web site is under construction so please be patient. The important information such as the club calendar of events, club range and ground closings, and the club rules will be available. Any questions on the site can be directed to web site chairman Dan Herlt, 717-329-4633, or Membership Officer Sharon Gregg, 717-691-7930.



## MEMBERSHIP RULE CHANGES FOR 2014

By Sharon Gregg

It has always been a club rule that you must fill out a CURRENT year application, not one from a prior year. As of open enrolment on October 1, 2013, all prior year applications will be returned. Please keep in mind that it takes a minimum of 30 days for checks to clear the bank and membership to be processed. If you mail incorrect payments or an incomplete or old application, it will be returned.

All life members will have their 2014 applications processed as received as no payment is due. Life members who send in an old application will have it returned.

New members for 2014 will require a sponsor. Sponsors are required to be a member in good standing for 1 year. An example, if you joined MSA and were voted in as a new member in March of 2013, you cannot be a sponsor until April of 2014. If you do not qualify as a sponsor, the new membership application will be returned to the applicant. There will be NO exceptions to this rule.

In order to receive their credentials, all new members must attend the membership meeting at which they are being voted in. If a new member does not attend the membership meeting, they will not receive their credentials until they can attend a meeting.

If you have lost an access fob and need a replacement fob, just bring your membership card to a membership meeting to obtain one. Replacement cost is \$15.00.

NRA membership will be available on the new web site. On the front page of the site will be an NRA icon. Click on the icon and it will take you directly to the NRA membership website. Our club will receive credit for all NRA applications and renewals that are made from the club web site.

Although we are no longer mailing quarterly news letters, you will receive one news letter in October with the new application for the following year. As of September of each year, the new application will be available on the web site and at the club grounds.

If you have qualified for the indoor center fire range and you would like to renew for 2014 please contact Stan Gregg @ 717-691-7930 for further instructions before mailing your application.

Please remember all MSPA Officers and Directors are volunteers.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Gregg, Membership Officer, at 717-691-7930.

### 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 anyone is down range!!**

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT—RANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT MSPA**

Cody Geis started this project at the club on Friday July 19th and finished 21st. Thanks to Cody and all who assisted him for this improvement which benefits all club members.



### **ATTENTION MSA MEMBERS**

The ONLY place that broadhead arrows are permitted is at the sand pit. The use of 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.

MSA Board of Directors

**2014**  
**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 for your check to clear and the processing to be completed. 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 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, 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:

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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"/> IT   | <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 _____                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery                 |

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

Received copy of rules: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This Application supersedes any and all prior Applications-all 2014 new and renewal applications must be on this form. Revised Aug. 01, 2013

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

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# 2014

## Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association

### Membership Application

**493 Sample Bridge Road, Enola, PA 17025**

*Main gate and indoor range access will be updated by January 2, 2014. Membership expires December 31, 2013. 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 \_\_\_

*List children age 17 and younger. List additional children on a 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].
- \_\_\_ **Active Duty Military Membership:** Contact Membership Secretary-Need to show orders/ ID.
- \_\_\_ **\$35.00 Add Active Duty Spouse/Family** (add information above)

\*\*\*\*\*To obtain your 2014 indoor center fire pistol range access or to schedule qualification firing, contact Stan Gregg @ 717-691-7930.

\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*allow up to a minimum of 30 days for processing of check and applications Revised Aug. 01, 2013.

Application supersedes any and all prior Applications-all 2014 new and renewal applications must be on this form. Page 2

**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 web-site for dates.

We held a fishing derby at the fish nursery on Saturday September 7. We had residents from several local retirement homes. We stocked the stream below the nursery with several hundred very nice trout. We had 2 Rainbows caught--one was 26" and 9 pounds; the other was 24" and 7 pounds. Everyone had a good time. Many of the people fishing were in wheelchairs and wouldn't be able to fish without this access and help. I want to thank all our helpers including the Boy Scouts from Troop 80.

**TROUT IN CLUB POND**

**The directors have approved a NO catch and release of trout in the club pond if you are using bait.** Spinners and flies ok. We found quite a few dead trout floating in the pond last year. 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!!**

**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 2012-2013 program with the muzzle loading rifle project. In all, eleven youth were involved in different projects ranging from air rifle to shotgun. The 2013-2014 program begins with the first meeting at 7:00 pm on October 3 at the old clubhouse, 2013. Boys and girls, ages 10-16, are welcome to join. Point of contact: Ron Keslar, rjkeslar@aol.com.

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

For the price of two boxes of ammo, you can gain the lifetime skill of ammunition reloading. Attend the NRA Basic Reloading Course for Metallic Cartridges held at MSA on Saturday, November 30, 2013 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.

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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! Don't Touch.**  
**Leave the Area. 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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MUST BE DISPLAYED  
WHILE ON CLUB  
GROUNDS!**



### ***BLOCK SHOOTS***

by Dave Eakin, Block Shoot Director

The 2013/2014 block shoots have started. See dates below. Would like to see lots of members and new faces this year. 12 gauge shotgun only and we provide the shells. 32" barrel limit. We start signing up between 6:30 and 7:00 PM with shooting starting immediately afterward. With our 4 window setup we can get done early for those that have to get up early. Great Karn's meat prizes for shooting, the wheel and our pie-boards. If the crowd is big enough we will run some raffle tickets. Kitchen is open with some great food for anyone who is hungry. Anyone wanting to help work at the block shoots please call me at 245-9664.

09/09/13	09/16/13	09/23/13	09/30/13	
10/07/13	10/14/13	10/21/13	10/28/13	
11/04/13	11/11/13	11/18/13		
01/06/14	01/13/14	01/20/14	01/27/14	
02/03/14	02/10/14	02/17/14	02/24/14	
3/03/14	03/10/14	03/17/14	03/24/14	03/31/14
04/07/14	04/14/14	04/21/14	04/28/14	

### ***ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS***

Life members must keep in contact with the club by submitting a signed membership application each year. This is verification that you are still an active member and it keeps the club up to date as to current contact information. A mailing last year to all life members was a reminder of this requirement. Applications not received by December 31 will result in access to the club being turned off. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Membership Secretary.

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