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MGC eSHOOTER

Summer Leagues Captains Meeting March 21st

This Wednesday, March 21st is the League Captains meeting, 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Everyone and anyone who is interested in shooting Summer Leagues are invited to attend, not just the Captains. Mark will go over the rules and structure of the leagues, the start and finish dates, and answer any questions you have. If you are interested in shooting and don't have a team to shoot with, don't be shy, come to the meeting and we'll find a "home" for you. C'mon out and meet a bunch of people that share the same interests you do, shooting and having fun. If you can't make it, just call the Clubhouse to sign up. Hope to see you there.



League News

This year, MGC is going to try to “spice” up the summer shooting for you.

Trap shooters will be offered a Handicap League. It will be an individual league where you shoot 300 targets, at your leisure, over the summer months from your ATA yardage or you will start at the 20 yard line. Shoot a 24 or 25 and you’ll move back a yard.

Skeet shooters will be offered a Skeet Doubles League. Same program, 300 targets, shot over the regular league season.

High School students, they will have the opportunity to shoot in their own league consisting of 9 weeks, June 12th through August 11th, 25 targets per week.

Mark will have all the details at the Captains Meeting on March 21st or check at the front counter.



Component Delivery

First of all, thanks to everyone who ordered components and shells for this season. We surpassed last years order by \$30.000.00 and that delayed things a little. The order is supposed to come in this Thursday March 22nd. Mark will send out a blanket email as soon as he has confirmation that it's going to be there. At this time the plan is to have you come to the Clubhouse, settle up, and then go over to the shed to pick up your order. If you have a large order, you'll be able to back right up to the door. You will be able to pick up your order on Friday as well. If you have some time available and would like to lend a hand unloading the shipment we would appreciate it. 952-469-4386

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Pre State 5 Stand 100

On Saturday April 7th, MGC will be hosting a registered 5 Stand event, a week before the State 5 Stand. This is a good time for a “warm up” for the State event. The start time will be 10:00 AM sharp. We will be using 2 fields and shooting 50 targets per field, not 25-25-25-25 as in the past, to keep things moving. We’ve had a lot of positive comments about the target presentation for the Jackpot Sporties and you can expect the same on April 7th.

Easter Sunday

We will be closed April 8th, Easter Sunday, so that the management and staff of MGC can spend time with their families. C’mon out April 7th and shoot twice as much. :>)



High Schools at MGC

As many of you have observed, we have a lot more youth shooters at MGC. This year we are fortunate to have 12 local High Schools shooting their leagues from the first week of April to the end of May. They are shooting for score in a “virtual” league meaning that a school at MGC could be shooting against a school from northern MN. They do this for average placement and a spot at the MN State High School Trapshooting Championship that will be held in Alexandria this year. A lot of these kids have never been to a shooting range before and can use all the help we can give them. Whether it’s how to stand, how to carry the gun, how to go after a target or just range etiquette, if you see someone who could benefit from your experience, talk to their coach or parent and see if they would let you help them. They are the life blood of our sport and the only hope of range existence as we know it.



Ladies Day at MGC

This has been talked about for many years and we're finally going to "do it". On May 19th MGC will be hosting Ladies Day, where we will offer wives, girlfriends, acquaintances, shooting instruction consisting of classroom safety and range introduction, equipment, a break for lunch, then outside to shoot some targets. We'll be limiting the class size so we'll be able to give the "students" the attention they need. Our goal is to make the ladies in attendance more comfortable with handling a gun, educate them about the shooting sports and have them break some targets. This is open to any lady that is interested, does not have to be a member's wife, girl friend etc. Mark will be taking names by phone, email, or at the front counter.

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Capital Improvements @ MGC

Besides being busy with shooting activities this summer there are going to be many projects going on.

- Septic system. As soon as the ground is ready the new septic system will be installed. We have contracted with Klingberg Excavating in Prior Lake to do the install. It will be a system that will provide the Club many years of trouble free service. It will be installed in the “green” area behind trap 2 & 3, south of the road.
- Sidewalk/concrete repair. With the money dedicated from the sale of Roger Wickner’s guns we will be repairing/replacing some of the badly needed sidewalks and shooting pads. Mark is getting bids on the work and we’ll get that going ASAP.
- 2 rebuilt Trap machines. Due to the increase of the high school participation the MGC BoD approved purchasing machines to fill the bunkers that are there. One of them is up and working on field 10 and the other one will go into field 1.

The machine in field one will then be able to be used on the Sporting fields.



- Another item that will need addressing is a roof on the manager's house. It is really brittle and there are shingles missing already.
- Lead reclamation. We have a contract with a company out of Wisconsin to do lead clean up this summer. They are going to plan it so it will be as quick as possible and not have equipment on site all summer. It remains to be seen what the Club's profit will be but it will be welcomed money to put back into the Club for improvements.
- Asphalt repair. We are also looking at up-coming repairs to the driveway and parking lot. If you happen to be out there when it's raining or the pavement is wet you will see spider webbing in spots which means soft spots. Also seal coating and crack repair.

So, as you can see, we have many "homes" for the Gun Club Maintenance Fee that is included with the membership.



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