



March 15, 2013

MGC eSHOOTER

Summer Leagues Captains Meeting March 20th

This Wednesday, March 20th 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 answers 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. We will also offer a Trap Doubles League. Similar to the Handicap League, it will be an individual league and offer some great practice for those registered shoots. 300 targets over the summer months, at your leisure.

High School students will again be able to participate in their own league at MGC. They will have the opportunity to shoot against other students 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 20th 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 year's order by 100%. But, due to the current political environment we happen to be in, we've had to scramble to locate the volume needed to fill the order and some of the prices on shells will be slightly higher. Mark did a great job finding the components and we should be able to fill everybody's orders. As mentioned in the last newsletter if we get backordered on items we will hold the price for 30 days then they will revert back to our retail prices. Mark will send out a blanket email as soon as he has confirmation that the supplies will be here. We are expecting delivery around the end of March. 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.

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Pre State 5 Stand 100

On April 13 & 14, 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 for this shoot. We are also hoping to offer Fitasc events during this shoot so bring extra bullets.

Easter Sunday

We will be closed March 31st, Easter Sunday, so that the management and staff of MGC can spend time with their families. C’mon out March 30th 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 15 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

We held this event for the first time last year, had a great turnout, and all the “new” shotgun enthusiasts went home with big smiles after breaking some clays. On May 25th 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 to 20 ladies 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. She 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. This class filled up quick so sign up soon.



Capital Improvements @ MGC

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

- 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.
- Painting of the Skeet houses. As you can see the paint has faded on the Skeet houses to the point its painting time again. We may put out the call for help some Friday to get this done in one afternoon. Clubhouse will be next.
- Electrical updating. The current wiring has been causing some problems and updating might be in order.
- Windows in the upstairs porch and extend the overhang.
- Leveling of the shooting fields north of the bunkers.
- New storage/shop building.



So, as you can see, we have many “homes” for the Gun Club Maintenance Fee that is included with the membership. Thank you for being members of MGC.

Donated Youth Guns

Thanks to Kevin & Sandy Jack, Second Life Lead, the owners of the mining operating that did the reclamation, for donating 2 CZ 712 ALS shotguns to MGC. These are some really nice guns for youth and ladies to try. They have adjustable length of pull by just pushing a lever, adjustable soft top combs and a nice soft recoil pad. Just the ticket for someone smaller in stature or sensitive to recoil to try. These guns are available to use, just see Mark and he'll explain how to make the adjustments.



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