



# The Sportsman

The Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association Newsletter  
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## 2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE

Renew from October 1, 2014 through February 15, 2015 with NO reinstatement fee

**If your application is not received and post dated by November 31, 2014, you will not be assured of access to the club after January 1, 2015 as it takes 30+ days for applications to be processed and checks to clear the bank!**

**Gate access will be turned off between January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd, 2015 unless your renewal was received by November 31, 2014.**

It has always been a club rule that you must fill out a CURRENT year application. As of October 01, 2014 prior year applications will be returned. It takes a minimum of 30 days for checks to clear the bank and membership to be processed. If you mail in incomplete applications, old applications, or incorrect payments, your application will be returned which will delay the processing.

All **life members MUST** complete and sign a 2015 application to stay active. If a life member turns in an old application, it will be returned. If adding spouse, please include the \$25 payment. If you want access to the Indoor Archery/.22 Range, please include \$15 payment.

**New members** for 2015 require a sponsor. Sponsors are club members in good standing for at least 1 year continuing without lapse for 2015.

All **new members** must attend the membership meeting they are being voted in to receive their credentials. New members will not receive their credentials until they attend a meeting.

**Gate Fob** replacements can be obtained at membership meetings. Replacement cost is \$15.

**NRA Memberships** are available through the club web site. There is a NRA icon on the front page of the site. Clicking on the icon will take you directly to the NRA membership website. All NRA memberships received through the club will give us credit as an NRA sponsor.

**Indoor Center Fire Range #2** If you have qualified for the Indoor Center Fire Range or if you would like to qualify for access to this range for 2015, please contact Stan Gregg at 717-691-7930 for further instructions before mailing in your 2015 application.

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

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**Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association  
2014 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
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Treasurer	Dan Moyer	732-2838

**Directors**

Archery	Phil Mentzer	766-8001
Buildings & Grounds	Vern Vandevender	691-0712
Calendar Coordinator	Len Burg	796-9366
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	

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**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 MESSAGE**

With summer winding down and fall on the horizon, I'd like to thank everyone that helped make this summer's programs and club projects successful. Without a strong showing of volunteers, none of our programs or improvement projects would ever become a reality.

Thanks to those that helped with pond issues, various firearms range projects and our three archery shoots, in particular.

Next year MSPA will again be hosting the five day NFAA national archery championships. Help will be needed for parking and food service, so please call and volunteer if you have the time. Dates will be posted on the web site, as all club event schedules are. I would encourage all members to check the web site frequently, to stay updated on programs, range closings and special events.

Best wishes to all for successful hunting seasons this fall and please observe all range rules when using our facilities. Safety begins with each of you. And don't forget to renew your membership as early as possible, beginning October first.

Regards, Denny Fillmore

**2015 Youth Children's Fishing Derby**

The 2015 Children's Fishing Derby will be held in April of 2015. The date will be posted on the Club calendar and on the front page of the web site in March 2015. Any donation of gift certificates or fishing supplies will be appreciated. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Dave Weaver @ 717-761-5553.

## **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 used 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. Stapling/shooting into the frames is a rule violation.

Please remember that all range maintenance is being done by volunteers. Respect their work and time by making sure to pick up your spent casings and trash. Don't forget to remove your targets when you are done shooting.

The roof over the 15-yard range was completed recently and cross beams have been shot already. 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 in a sitting position. There should be no reason for the roof cross beams to be hit if you are shooting properly and safely.

I want to thank all the volunteers who came out this year and helped complete the ranges. There will be cleaning parties set up through out 2015 by Russ Brooks. If you are on the volunteer list you may be called and asked to help with future projects.

Please respect the Club Security Officers when 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 a unsafe act or have basic club range rule questions @ 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 2015, 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.

### **ARCHERY NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who helped this past year with the archery tournaments held by the club. We will be hosting the NFAA Outdoor Nationals the end of July 2015. People from around the world will be attending the tournament. We will need help with setting up, cooking, helping out on the courses and other various items. Anyone who is willing to help please contact myself or Julia Mentzer-Yarlett. Thank you in advance for your support and help.

During the 2014 tournament year, the Mechanicsburg Archers Women's team set various records. There were many members who placed at each of the tournaments.

If you are looking for more information or have questions about archery, please feel free to contact me or attend an archery meeting. They are the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7:30 pm (No meeting in September, October or November.)

Yours Truly  
Phil Mentzer

### **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.

## RIM FIRE STEEL PLATE RIFLE/PISTOL SHOOT-HIGH POWER MATCHES 2014-2015

By Stanley L. Gregg

The Steel Plate Shoots consist of 50 rounds with a \$10.00 registration fee and are held on Saturday Mornings from 9-? in the Pit.

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

All dates and times for these shoots are listed on the web site under the Program Tab as well as on 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.

### NRA BASIC PISTOL CLASS

**Saturday August 15, 2015 8:00 to 6:30 pm**

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen will be holding at least one Basic Pistol Class in 2015. It will be an 8-hour co-ed course with 12 seats available. The club will supply .22 semi-auto 22/45 Ruger pistols with .22 ammo if you do not have your own firearm. You may bring your own firearm but if you do you will be asked to supply your own 50 + rounds of ammo. We ask that barrel lengths be 4" or longer. The fee will be a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot. Any questions can be directed to NRA Clinic Director Sharon Gregg at 717-691-7930.

### YOUTH ARCHERY NEWS

I will be holding the Youth Archery Program in 2015! The program runs on Saturday mornings from 8am - 9:45am in January, February, and March. (The specific dates will be posted once the schedule is determined. This is often mid-November.) The program typically runs for 6 weeks with some breaks due to tournaments being held at the club. There is equipment available for all students. This program is open to the public. A fee of \$10 per child is charged for the entire program. Donuts and juice are served each week during the small break. The class size is limited to 25 students and often fills up quickly.

Registration opens on October 1, 2014. Email the director on or after this date to reserve a spot for your child. Julia Mentzer-Yarlett, Director, [julia\\_yarlett@comcast.net](mailto:julia_yarlett@comcast.net)

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

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The following clinics for women are scheduled for 2015. A non-refundable deposit is required. MSA supplies all .22/AR guns and .22/.223 ammo. Bringing your own firearm depends on the clinic. You do not need to be a member of the club to attend. If interested, contact Clinic Director Sharon Gregg at 717-691-7930.

#### First Step Pistol Clinics

Sunday January 18, 2015 \* 1:00 to 6:00 \* First Step Pistol\* .22 ONLY\* \$40.00  
Sunday February 22, 2015 \* 1:00 to 6:00\* First Step Pistol\* .22 ONLY \* \$40.00  
Saturday April 25, 2015 \* 8:00 to 1:00 \* .22 or your own firearm \* \$40.00  
Sunday May 31, 2015 \* 1:00 to 6:00 \* .22 or your own firearm \* \$40.00  
Saturday September 19, 2015 \* 8:00 to 1:00 \* .22 or your own firearm \* \$40.00

#### First Step Rifle Clinics

Sunday June 7, 2015 \* 1:00-6:00 \* Small Bore .22 \* \$40.00  
Saturday October 03, 2015 \* 8:00-1:00 \* AR15 \* \$40.00

#### Graduating Clinic Women Practice/Follow Up

Saturday July 11, 2015 \* 9:00-12:00\* fee to be determined

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

**2015**  
**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-2015 Application must be on this form.

**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!!***

# 2015

## 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, 2014. 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: Life Members only-ANNUAL fee to add spouse.
- \_\_\_ \$15.00 Indoor Archery / .22 rim fire range [Short, Long, LR only]. ANNUAL FEE
- \_\_\_ Active Duty Military Membership: MUST Contact Membership Secretary Yearly.
- \_\_\_ \$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.

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

# Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to use.

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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.

We will be holding a Fishing Derby at the Fish Nursery on Saturday September 6th. 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 provide a lunch and filet the fish for them to take home. Look for pictures on website.

We have installed a plaque at the nursery on the outside of our feed shed to honor past nursery managers and volunteers. The nursery was renamed the Clarence N. Rider Memorial Nursery after Clarence passed away. Clarence started the nursery over 30 years ago. The names on the plaque are Charley Diener who did all the paperwork for Clarence. Roger Jumper and Arthur Eakin who were co-managers for many years and were instrumental in the rebuild of the nursery to the excellent facility we have now. Many thanks to them and all the others over the years.

## **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 2013-2014 program with the muzzle loading rifle project. In all, twelve youth were involved in different projects ranging from air rifle to shotgun. The 2014-2015 program begins with the first meeting at 7:00 pm on October 2 at the old clubhouse. 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, February 21, 2015 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!**



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### ***BLOCK SHOOTS***

by Dave Eakin, Block Shoot Director

The 2014-15 block shoots will have started by the time you receive this. See dates below. Would like to see lots of members and new faces this year. 12 gauge shotgun only and we provide the shells (we are using different 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 who have to get up early. Great Karn's meat prizes for shooting, the wheel and our pieboards. 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.

09/08/14	09/15/14	09/22/14	09/29/14	
10/06/14	10/13/14	10/20/14	10/27/14	
11/03/14	11/10/14	11/17/14		
01/05/15	01/12/15	01/19/15	01/26/15	
02/02/15	02/09/15	02/16/15	02/23/15	
03/02/15	03/09/15	03/16/15	03/23/15	03/30/15
04/06/15	04/13/15	04/20/15	04/27/15	

### ***TRAP SHOOTING***

We continue to offer trapshooting opportunities at MSA on Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday morning hours are from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and Thursday evenings from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. or until there are no more shooters. All members and guests are welcome to come out and join in the shooting. Have some fun at our new wobble trap!

Special thanks to the Trap Committee and Trap Helpers for their support and everybody who participates in the Trap Program.

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