

MORaine CONSERVATION SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

January 2020

Chairman's Letter to Members

Happy new year to all of our members!

We have closed out 2019 and started 2020 since our last newsletter, and hope everyone is well. We would like to thank all of our members who have joined us and participated in our monthly meetings. I also want to encourage members who haven't come to a meeting recently to try visiting us on the second Monday of each month. The MCSA board of directors will meet from 7:00-7:30 before each regular meeting. The meeting gets started at 7:30, and usually ends shortly after 8:00, followed by fellowship with other members for a bit. We hope to see you soon, and look forward to another great and safe year.

As MCSA Chairman of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank each of our team captains, officers and rental committee for their dedicated service to this club and their participation on the board. I would also like to thank our former pistol team captain **Stephen Gustkey** for his 40 plus years of service to his team and to the board, and to this club. If you are at the club be sure to take a look around at some of the pictures. I'm sure you will spot Steve in some of them, though he may look a bit younger.

A big thank you also goes to those members who brought the used tires and rebuilt our 100 yard rifle range back stop, restoring its function as a safe bullet stop. Two other major projects were completed this year, as we added some major drainage work, and fixed or added gutters and downspouts, moving the water away from the building. At the same time, a company helped us cut a drain trough into the floor just inside our basement walls, connected a sump pump, and now there is not any water running through the basement.

We are in the process of adding steel boxes at the ranges that you can use for safe disposal of any misfires that may occur during your visit to the range. Archery targets are in the planning stages, with hopes to have them installed this spring/summer. Revisions are being made to our rental agreement for the hall. Plans are being made to have a new mower / storage building up this spring. And finally, this year we are working toward getting our Small Games of Chance and Bingo license for the club.

We ask that each member continue to police our ranges **and report any unsafe activity**. We continue to get reports of turf damage on the pistol range. Please be certain that when you are firing down range that your bullets will **impact the backstop and nothing else**. The rules are posted at each range for the safety of the shooter, and others that may be near the range. **To report any issues, contact MCSA Chairman Mike Cumberland at 724-332-5241.**

The "old-timers" have started up their 22 cal. Indoor Bench Rest shooting competitions (iron sights only) on Monday mornings. Start time is 10:00 AM, all ages welcome.

The **Junior rifle team** has started meeting on Monday nights. The team will be shooting on the **1st and 3rd Mondays** from 6:30 to 8:00pm. For more information, contact **Mike Ripley** at 724-794-2030.

Monthly meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:30. It would be great to see you there.

Visit us online for more information and calendar of events at:

www.morainesportsmen.com

Or visit us on face book "Moraine Conservation & Sportsmen Association"

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Moraine-Conservation-Sportsmen-Association/115243771831850>

If you have any ideas or input to improve our club, please let us know!

Have a great summer and hope to see you at the range!

Thank you for your cooperation!

MEETING INFO

**MCSA club meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM.
Everyone is invited to attend, particularly people that are interested in joining the MCSA.**

TEAM NEWS AND CONTACT INFO

PISTOL

The Pistol team shoots indoors starting in late September through March, and outdoors every Thursday through the summer. For more information, please contact:

Roger Carfangia 724.556.9938

TRAP

Winter Trap league starts November 5th, all are welcome. Practice will be on Sundays during the winter. Open Shoots every Tuesday @5pm until daylight savings ends in November.

For more info, please contact:

Tom Horstman 724-822-9242

Archery

For more information, please come to our monthly meetings.

BLACK POWDER

Meat shoots will be held the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am. For more info contact:

Mike Ripley 724-794-2030

JUNIOR RIFLE

The Junior Rifle program meets on the **First and Third** Monday evenings of each month starting in November. Anyone that has a son or daughter that is interested in shooting with us or would like more information should contact:

Mike Ripley 724-794-2030

CLUB / RANGE RENTAL

Club rental activities can be found on our website, www.morainesportsmen.com

Reminder: no casual shooting on the outdoor pistol range while the club is under rental agreement. Contact Stephen Gustkey (724-865-3283) or Peggy Fellenz (724-794-3676) for more information.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Our annual membership renewal period will begin this October, and will end in February of this coming year. During this time, members looking to renew can stop by and see Brian Jesteadt at one of our monthly meetings, or send a check (payable to MCSA) and **please include self-addressed stamped envelope** to:

BRIAN JESTEADT
409 ISLE ROAD
BUTLER, PA, 16001

724-865-8015

**** Seniors - \$30.00 **** Spouse - \$15.00 **** Juniors - \$5.00 **** Life - \$300.00 ****

Husband and wife life membership is \$375.00.

Keycards are available to members (after 90 days of membership) for \$20, with a \$10 renewal each year.

Renewals must be completed by the February meeting. Members that miss the deadline will be required to pay a \$15 reinstatement fee along with their dues.