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Summer Programs are Being Set

Membership Renewal

Members and Clubs, and \$10.00 for Junior Members.

The renewal application at the end of the newsletter can be used for renewals. Check the expiration date on the mailing label to see when your membership expires.

Some of you may have noticed a "New Look" in your membership cards. I am in the process of converting membership data to M/S Excel format. (The old data is on Apple IIe, Apple Works)

This will make sorting and mailing a lot easier and should result in mailing cost savings as the list can be bar coded.

MRPA By-Laws

The MRPA By-laws have been updated as a result of the addition of the Black Powder Division. If you want a copy, please write to By-Laws MRPA P.O. Box 1802 Midland, MI 48641-1802.

Web Page

Check out the MRPA's web page at www.michrpa.com here you can check out match schedules. As the page becomes developed, you will find all sorts of interesting information. We are providing space to affiliated (MRPA) clubs to post their club functions. It is up to the Web Master to determine what is appropriate.

Interesting Websites

<http://www.Targetsportatlanta.org> Wolf Creek Shooting Range
michigan@abraham.senate.gov Spencer Abraham (R-MI)
senator@levin.senate.gov Carl Levin (D-MI)
www.odcmp.com Civilian Marksmanship Program.
www.sas-aim.org Second Amendment Sisters (SAS)
www.pennarifleandpistol.org Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association

Shooter - in - a - Box Program

The MRPA has air rifles, targets, pellets, kneeling rolls, safety glasses and spotting scopes available for low cost

lease (one dollar a year) to clubs desiring to start entry level rifle shooting programs.

Application procedures are for the club to write a letter to the MRPA requesting assistance in getting a program started. Leases are for a period of one year and are renewable at the discretion of the MRPA co-ordinator. Clubs must meet minimum requirements of being a member of the MRPA (\$20.00), having a Certified NRA Rifle Instructor in charge of the program, and providing annual reports on the status of the program. The number of rifles and equipment provided will depend on the number of participants in the program.

The purpose of the program is to provide low cost entry level shooting to the youth of Michigan.

For further information, contact: Shooter - in - a - Box Coordinator, MRPA, P.O. Box 1802, Midland, MI 48641-1802. Telephone 888-655-MRPA.

Black Powder - Owen

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Contact: Lew Owen 4927 Iroquois Blvd. Clarkston, MI 48348, phone 248-394-1013.

Smallbore - Shankland

Smallbore Matches – 2001

Michigan Air Rifle League – Saginaw, Mar. 18, 2001

Snow Country English Match Series: Mar 11, 2001

National Open Sectional Championship: Waterford, March 3 & 4 2001

Michigan State NRA Outdoor Position Championship: Saginaw, June 2 & 3, 2001

NRA 3- Position Regional: Williamston, June 23 & 24, 2001

Michigan State Prone Championship: Williamston, August 18 & 19, 2001

Michigan State USAS Position & Prone PTO & State Championship: Saginaw August 26, 2001

Michigan State Long Range Championship: Williamston, September 16, 2001

NRA 3- Position Gallery: Ithaca, October 28, 2001

NRA 3 – Position Match: Jackson, October 28, 2001

Doug Greiner 100 Shot Standing: Jackson, Nov. 30 & December 1 & 2, 2001

Match Results

Doug Greiner 100 Shot Standing:
Winner: Morgan Dietrich – 989-65
First Master: Michelle Bohren – 984-69
First Expert: Brandon Czekaj – 973-50

First Sharpshooter: Mike Gardner – 970-45

First Marksman: Jake Betts – 888-25

USAS State Air Rifle Championship

Winner – Morgan Dietrich 571-23

First AA – Matt Dardas 570-22

First A – Don Holcroft 564-18

First Junior – Mike Gardner 554-16

First C – Dennis Block 525-8

Contact: Don Shankland, VP Smallbore Division, 1057 Newport, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 313-662-7675.

Match Results

High Power - Goebel

Matches:

April 29, 2001 M-1 & M-14 Match – Custer

May 5 & 6, 2001 Service Rifle Championship & Leg – WSC

May 26 & 27, 2001 Ft. Custer Memorial – Custer **CANCELED!**

June 8 & 10, 2001 Long Range Regional – Grayling

June 30 – July 1, 2001 High Power Championship – Custer

July 14 & 15, 2001 Long Range Championship – Grayling

September 15 & 16, 2001 Michigan Governors Trophy - Grayling

Please contact: David Goebel MRPA High Power P.O. Box 701940 Plymouth, MI 48170-1940. Phone 734-455-4491, e-mail mrpa_hp@yahoo.com

Silhouette – Chippa

With the end of winter in sight and the 2001 Metallic Silhouette season just ahead, shooters are preparing for the upcoming matches. The winter months have been busy with loading ammunition and getting rifles ready with maybe a new scope, trigger or barrel. Always looking to get an edge to improve their shooting, some have set up a new rifle for use in the competitions this year.

The Michigan State Rifle Silhouette Champion for 2000 was Ron Ellis who will be returning this year to defend his title in the competition this year.

The 2000 season saw a number of new shooters at the Grayling events along with the regulars.

The Silhouette Division has sponsored match competition at Camp Grayling since 1977 and many shooters who fired matches when the firing point was on the 600 returned this past year. The matches were also attended by a few out of state shooters.

The first match for 2001 is scheduled for the weekend of April 28 and 29. The second Match is on June 2 and 3, 2001. The third competition is slated for the weekend of July 7 and 8, 2001. The Michigan State Rifle Silhouette Championship and final season event on August 11 and 12, 2001.

A tradition began years ago, that the final weekend is the annual steak fry held on the waters of Lake Margarethe, Camp Grayling, after the Saturday match.

The matches are run under NRA rules for silhouette following safety briefings before each match. You must be a current MRPA member or join to fire on the range to satisfy your insurance requirements. Please note that eye and ear protection are required for all shooters on the line as well as for spotters, coaches and anyone near the firing line including spectators. This is a range use requirement.

This is shooting event that does not require a lot of expensive equipment so bring the rifle you have with ammunition (Each match is 40 rounds) plus some sight in rounds and we will assist you when you arrive. Muzzle velocities of 2700 and below are the norm as higher speed rounds damage the steel targets.

There are usually barracks available for Friday and Saturday nights that are included in the match fee with the shooters providing their own meals. The emphasis and focus of this event is to have a good time so if you are seeking a shooting event that is fun and enjoyable come and joins us for a day or the weekend.

Each Saturday morning at 7:30 am, the competitors remove the animal targets from storage, and then they are taken to the range. Shortly after setting up the range targets, signs, and flags, a sight-in period begins.

The Saturday match starts at 10:00 am and the Sunday shoot begins at 9:00 am preceded by a one-hour sight in. An awards presentation follows the Sunday match range target pickup.

Submitted by Jerry Pond - Silhouette Division Reporter

For additional information, contact:

Richard Chippea P.O. Box 157 Northville, MI 48167-0157, 734-522-1286, e-mail gorgos@aol.com
Rifle Silhouette Shooting in Michigan website:
<http://www.members.home.net/mi-silhouette>

Pistol - Zalewski

Thanks to all who attended this year's annual meeting in Diamondale. Our divisional attendance rose by over 200%. Although that sounds like a lot, we still have a long way to go. Please mark your calendars, next year's meeting (in fact, every year's meeting) will be on the first Sunday in February. At the meeting, Joe TeKelly was re-elected as Director and member of the pistol committee, Mark Compton was re-elected as committee member, and I was re-elected as VP. Thanks for the vote of confidence and support!

PLEASE NOTE! Pistol Phase has changed it traditional days for competition! All matches take place one day earlier, with the preliminary match on Wednesday (7/11), .22 on Thursday (7/12), CF on Friday (7/13), and .45 on Saturday (7/14). Service Pistol matches will be held on Sunday (7/15). I look forward to seeing a lot of new faces on the line for hardball – now that the match is on Sunday, no excuses accepted about missing another day of work!

We were in the black for 2000! Now is not the time to let our guard down, though. Thanks to everyone for supporting our fundraising matches. We can look forward to another Taylor and Ionia fundraiser again this year. Also, included in this year's MRPA budget is a partial reimbursement to each division for team entry at Perry. We should be able to start making needed expenditures (such as refurbishing state champion trophies) as long as we stay vigilant.

The division still needs two junior shooters to field a junior team for the national championships. With the two juniors that we already have, all we need to win the national championship is two teens willing to give us six months of honest effort. With the coaching resources available, no experience is necessary if we start now. I have commitments from clubs in south-central Michigan, western Michigan, and the metro-Detroit area to help junior

shooters. Please contact me if you have anyone interested. Remember, individual junior entry to Perry is ½ of the adult price, and the team entry is covered like all MRPA pistol teams.

Gov Engler signed the CCW bill into law at the end of last year. For current permit holders, there have been further restrictions placed on where your general permit is valid. Go to <http://www.mcgro.org> to read the full text of the bill. This law will not go into effect until sometime over the summer. There is a well-financed and organized movement to fight this law, and under Michigan's constitution, they can force it to go to a popular vote under a referendum if they obtain enough signatures. Attorney General Jennifer Granholm is spearheading the campaign to fight the CCW bill. A letter to her reminding her that if she wanted to make law, she should have run for the legislature might be in order. Everyone knows the drill – write letters, get involved, support pro-gun candidates, vote. A simple hand written letter to those senators and reps that supported us can do wonders. Dove hunting didn't pass. Rumor has it that it died as a payback for CCW. There is a very important bill that was recently vetoed. HR4532 would reform Michigan's current pistol transportation law. Write your state reps and the Governor to let them know that HR4532 should be re-introduced, and that the Governor should sign it this time.

<http://www.state.mi.us> has links to all state of Michigan web sites, and you can find addresses for all of state government by following the appropriate links. <http://www.house.gov> and <http://www.senate.gov> will help you find your federal legislators.

Upcoming match schedule:

Oak Harbor (OH) will have an indoor match on March 11 and will host the Ohio Indoor State Championships on

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April 7-8. Contact J. Madison at (419) 986-5757.

Flushing is hosting a sectional on March 16-18. Contact Pat Munch, 9284 N Latson Rd, Howell, MI 48843.

The Ohio State University is hosting the state of Ohio International Pistol Championship April 6-7. Contact Dr James Sweeney at (614) 263-1943 after 9:30pm weekdays.

Adrian is hosting an approved 900 on March 25. Contact E. Briggs, 815 E. Maple Adrian, MI 49221

Contact Ronald S Zelewski P.O. Box 806003, St Clair Shores, MI 48080, 810-776-9804, Voicemail Pager (810) 830-2226, Cell Phone (810) 206-3770, E-mail: rszalewski@aol.com

Junior - Valet

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On Jan. 12 & 13, the USA Shooting, MI State Junior Olympic Rifle Championships were held at Flushing Rifle & Pistol Club. 19 juniors competed in the smallbore match and 8 in the air rifle.

I would like to thank everyone who participated, competitors and range officials; it was a great job by all.

Congratulations to Joe Hein, taking 1st place in smallbore rifle for males. Out of a possible 600, Joe shot a 573. Cassie Pinkel took 1st place for females, shooting 535. Cassie also took 1st place female in air rifle shooting 360 out of 400. Mike Gardner placed 1st in air rifle for males, with a 566 out of a possible 600. Cassie, Joe, & Mike, all from the Lansing area, took 1st place in the team match. The three of them along with Brandon Czekaj, of Livonia, will be invited to Colorado, in March, to compete in the Nationals. Brandon, receiving 2nd place in smallbore, with a

score of 566, qualified for an at-large invitation.

SMALLBORE RIFLE CLINIC

Flushing Rifle & Pistol Club will be holding a smallbore rifle clinic on Sat., April 7, 9:00am - 4:00pm. Elizabeth Juziuk, NRA National Coach Development Staff, will be conducting the clinic for Intermediate to Advanced junior shooters. Anyone interested in attending needs to contact Pam Velat at (810) 659-7107 after 5:00pm weeknights. Space is limited.

2001 NATIONAL MATCHES, CAMP PERRY

Due to the changes in the lodging procedures at this years matches, requests for reservations must be postmarked March 1-March 31, 2001. Affiliated Clubs or State Associations entering Jr. Teams will receive 2nd priority. If you are planning on attending the Nationals this year please contact Pam after 5:00pm at (810) 659-7107 as soon as possible. The MRPA will also cover the "team" entry fee for those competing for the association.

National NRA Junior Sectional:
Waterford, April 8 & 9, 2001

Junior NRA Outdoor Match:
Waterford, May 19 & 20, 2001

Michigan State Junior NRA Outdoor Position Championship: Saginaw, June 2 & 3, 2001

Michigan State USAS Junior Position & Prone PTO & State Championship: Saginaw August 26, 2001

Contact: Pam Valet 8177 Mt. Morris Rd. Flushing, MI

Results:

2001 3-P Air Rifle

Precision Winner - Mike Gardner 566-26

Porter Winner - Devin Richards 338-3

Team qualified to go to National AR 3-P Championship in Atlanta: Mike Gardner
Matt Jacqmain, Cassie Pinkel,
Jason Dardas

MRPA Telephone

The MRPA has new telephone numbers. **517-839-4173 and 888-655MRPA (888-655-6772).** Please use these numbers when you need to contact our office.

Officers and Directors

As a result of the recent MRPA Annual Meeting the following officers and directors were elected:

President - Steve Kern
Secretary/Treasurer - Tom Monto
Legislative VP - George Allen
High Power VP - David Goebel
High Power Director - Robert Steketee
Smallbore VP - Don Shank land
Smallbore Director - Doug Dennis
Pistol VP - Ron S. Zalewski
Pistol Director - Joe TeKelly
Silhouette VP - Richard Chippa
Silhouette Director - Larry Medler
Junior VP - Pam Valet
Black Powder VP - Lew Owen
Black Powder Director - John Green

Appointed First VP subject to ratification at next year's Annual Meeting - Steve June.

Memorabilia

We have a supply of hats (\$5.00), patches (\$3.00) and pins (\$3.00). Other items such as polo shirts, sweatshirts, tee shirts and jackets are also available on special order.

Miscellaneous:

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CMP Notes:

Check CMP website:
www.odcmp.com they constantly are updating their "For Sale" items.

Contact the CMP P.O. Box 576 Port Clinton, OH 43452. Phone 888-267-0796, 419-635-2141 or Fax 419-635-2802.

Cadillac Sportsman's Club High Power Matches 2001:

May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 16: Approved High Power Rifle and Long Range Tournaments

May 26, June 23, July 21, and August 25: 200/300/600 High Power Rifle Tournaments.

Saginaw Valley Big Bore Rifle League

April 28 – Range cleanup; May 5 & 6; May 16 & 17; June 2 & 3; June 16 & 17; June 30 & July 1; July 14 & 15; July 28 & 29; August 18 & 19; September 8 & 9; September 22 & 23; September 30 fun shoot & picnic.

For more information contact Dave Lantz @ dhl1008x@aol.com.

Central Michigan Smallbore Summer League

April 29, May 20, June 17, July 15 & August 12. – Williamston

For more information contact Don Knisely 405 Theo Lansing, MI 48917-2610 Phone 517-321-5843.

Women's Issues

The NRA has a new recreational shooting and hunting program called "Women on Target". We need a volunteer to run the program for the MRPA. Interested parties should contact: Women on Target, MRPA PO Box 1802 Midland, MI 48641-1802.

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2001 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

Name: _____ MRPA Membership No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Plus 4: _____

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Telephone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

Adult (\$20.00) Junior (\$10.00) Club(\$20.00)

Area of Interest:

Smallbore; Highpower; Silhouette; Pistol;

Junior Developmental; Legislative; Blackpowder

Complete and send with appropriate fees to: MRPA P.O. Box 1802, Midland, MI 48641-1802

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