

The Firing Lines



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MRPA annual meeting set for March 12, 2006?

What:

- MRPA Annual Meeting of the Membership

When:

- Sunday March 12th, 2006
- 9:00am - Division meeting
- 10:00am – Meeting of the Membership

Where:

- Livonia Marriott Hotel
- 17100 Laurel Park Drive North
- Livonia, Michigan 48152
- I – 275 Exit going east at 6mile Road

This is the formal notice annual meeting of the membership of the Michigan Rifle & Pistol Association. The meeting will be held in accordance with Article IV section 1 and section 4 of the MRPA Bylaws adopted on February 1, 2004.

The following division directors will be nominated and elected at the annual meeting to serve a two year term on the MFPA board of directors.

- Blackpowder division
- Highpower division
- Long range division

The directors elected shall serve a term of office beginning at the annual meeting March 12, 2006 and ending at the annual meeting in 2008.

MRPA 1st annual fundraising dinner
Saturday March 11th, 2006

The Michigan Rifle and Pistol Associations will host a fund raising dinner Saturday March 11th, 2006.

What:

- MRPA annual Fundraising dinner

When

- Cocktail hour (cash bar) begins at 6:30pm
- Dinner at 7:30pm
- Saturday March 11th, 2006

Where

- Livonia Marriott Hotel
- 17100 Laurel Park Drive North
- Livonia, Michigan 48152
- I – 275 Exit going east at 6mile Road

Menu your choice of:

Petite Filet and Amaretto Chicken or
Chicken Marsala or
Seared Halibut

Cost

\$50 per person - \$15 of the dinner cost is classified at a donation to a 501c3 charitable organization. You will **not** be solicited for donations at the dinner.

Please make your reservations by early because seating is limited. Reservation cutoff is February 28, 2006.

This is the same venue as the annual meeting.

MRPA has reserved a **room block** for MRPA members who want to come to the dinner and stay overnight for the annual meeting the next morning. To make reservation you should call the Marriott in Livonia direct at 734-462-3100. A room rate of \$95 has been negotiated. Inform the reservation agent that you want the MRPA group rate. The cut off date for room reservations is February 17, 2006.

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President's Message – Leo Cebula

Why fundraising is necessary.

Shooting ranges seem to be under constant attack and have to defend themselves from those who would like to close them. For example, MRPA's program at the Fort Custer Training Center has been restricted since 9 -11 because of increased base activity. One of our goals of becoming a 501c3 organization was to raise money for range development. This could result MPRA developing a new range or investing into an existing range.

With the development of the Youth, Women's and Club committee MRPA will have the mechanism to request and disburse NRA block grants to other clubs for junior and women's programs. However, the NRA grants cannot be used to cover any of the costs associated with the fiduciary responsibility MRPA takes on with the NRA block grants.

Since 1999 the Annual dues for MRPA membership have been \$20 per year. During that same period the cost of postage, printing, phone etc have increased. MRPA now has to support a website. The cost of general liability and director and officers insurance has risen from \$450 to \$1613.

If MRPA is to move forward as an organization it will take money.

How can you help? Consider coming to the 1st annual fund raising dinner. The event will be held the evening before the annual meeting. When you write your check for membership renewals consider adding on an additional \$10 or more as a charitable contribution. The funds you donate to MRPA will be used to support competitive shooting in Michigan.

Bob Steketee – Update

Bob Skeketee has been a member of MRPA and a highpower and long range shooter for many years.

On October 13, 2005 Bob was involved in a serious on the job automobile accident. He suffered compound leg fractures, knee and other serious injuries. I spoke with Bob after Christmas and am happy to report that he is on the road to recovery. The road has not been easy and Bob still has a ways to go but his sprits are good and he is making progress. Bob indicated that his medical team feels he will make a complete recovery but it will take time. Bob does plan to on the range next summer (2006).

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Name: _____ MRPA Membership No: _____

Address: _____

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

Telephone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

Adult (\$20.00) Junior (\$10.00) Renewal New Member

Area of Interest:

Blackpowder Highpower Long Range

Pistol Smallbore Silhouette

2006 CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Club Name: _____ MRPA Membership No: _____

Club Address: _____

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

Telephone: () _____ Website address _____

Club Contact Name: _____ Title _____

Address (if different than club): _____

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

Telephone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

Club dues are \$20 per year. Complete and mail with appropriate fees to:

MRPA, P.O. Box 71 , Marshall, MI 49068-0071

MRPA 1st annual fundraising dinner Saturday March 11th, 2006

Please make _____ dinner reservations for the fund raising dinner scheduled for Saturday March 11th, 2006

My / our meal choices are: Petite Filet and Amaretto Chicken - Chicken Marsala - Seared Halibut

Please include the \$50 cost per person when you make the reservation. Make your reservation early because seating is limited!

NAME _____

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