

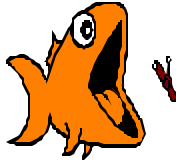
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Millvale Sportsmen's Club

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April/May, 2006



The President's Corner

Spring is here and hopefully good weather will not be far behind. The lake has been stocked, the Summer Trap League has begun, and skeet has registered shoots scheduled until October. The 3D archery shoots will begin again on April 30th and will run until September.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done around the club and the M.S.C.I. workday is scheduled for May 6th. I hope to see a good turn out so we can get the place in shape for summer. It's your club, volunteer some time to make it better, and do some things you would like to see accomplished.

I would urge you to take a look inside the skeet building to see the great job our members have done. It shows what volunteering time and material can do.

Sincerely,

Dave Amstutz, President

This is notification to the membership of M.S.C.I. as to the proposed by-law change to the dues structure. The proposed changes will be read and

discussed at the April and May General Membership meetings. The changes will be read and then voted on at the June General Membership meeting. There will be no discussion on the proposed changes at the June meeting prior to the vote.

Attention:

In our continuing effort to move forward in the electronic age, any members having previously provided the Club with an email address will not receive any more printed newsletters after this issue. If you have not received any email correspondence from M.S.C.I. in the previous two months, please take time to set your anti-spam settings to allow incoming mail from the millvalesportsmens.org domain. You should also forward a current email address to mail@millvalesportsmens.org so we can update our mailing list. If you have received email from us there is no need to take any further action. You will continue to receive email correspondence and notification when the newsletter is available on the Club website. Again please ensure that your computer is set up to allow us to send you email and not block our domain as spam.

Club Meetings

General Membership Meetings will be conducted at the clubhouse at 8:00 p.m. on April 27, May 25, and June 29, 2006. Please make every effort to attend. Your input is vital in order for Millvale Sportsmen's Club to continue being the great Club that it is.

Board of Directors meetings will be conducted at the clubhouse at 8:00 p.m. on April 6, May 4, and June 1, 2006.

Access System

Dave Wolford

The gate has been installed and there are a few minor details to work out. Members should expect to see the gate and access system fully operational during the first part of April. At that time, all members will need to swipe their card to enter and exit the club grounds and clubhouse. Please remember that the last call at the bar is 11:30 p.m. and all members must be off the club grounds by midnight. The Club rules state that the club grounds are closed from midnight until sunrise. Members not abiding to these rules will face disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. Again, as previously stated, access times will be seasonally adjusted to provide access for hunting and fishing. These times changes will be emailed, posted to the web site and in the clubhouse as they change. As of this time, access is permitted between sunrise and midnight daily on club property. Clubhouse access will remain from 8:00 a.m. until sunset daily unless there is an organized activity in the clubhouse.

Membership

Jerry Werner

How would you like Millvale Sportsmen's Club to pay for your 2007 annual dues? That's right, Millvale Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring a Membership Drive between April 1, 2006 and July 31, 2006 and participation is easy. Simply bring your friends and relatives to the Club and have them fill out an application to join the Club (only Senior Members qualify). As long as the membership reaches 1500 Senior Members by September 1, 2006, you will receive a \$10.00 reduction in your 2007 dues for every Senior Member that you brought into the Club between April 1, 2006 and July 31, 2006 (up to a maximum of \$80.00). The payout will stop once we reach 1500 members, so bring your new members in sooner than later.

Our Club is the best sportsmen's club in the area and is a real bargain at \$80.00 per year. With all our Club has to offer, bringing in approximately 150 new members in 4 months should be easy.

Our Club has:

- An air-conditioned clubhouse with a bar (can be rented for a nominal fee)
- An outside pavilion (also can be rented for a nominal fee)
- Five state of the art trap fields
- Two state of the art skeet fields
- A skeet building
- 130+ wooded acres that abuts the State Games Lands
- A stocked trout lake
- A 22 caliber indoor rifle/pistol range
- A covered rifle range with a shooting range out to 200 yards
- A covered pistol range with shooting out to 50 yards
- An archery field with shooting out to 50 yards

Membership Continued:

- A walkthrough 3D target archery range with 30+ life size targets (available between April and September)

All students 18 years and older will be sent access cards by April 15th. If you are 18 years of age and haven't received a card by this time, please send me an email or send a letter to the Club with your name and membership number. As always, feel free to email me at werners1@connecttime.net, if you have any membership issues or questions.

C.M.P. & Ranges

Wayne Seiling

Rifle and pistol ranges are open from 9:00 a.m. to dusk 365 days a year. The indoor .22 cal range is open anytime the clubhouse is.

C.M.P. Shoots for April and May are as follows:

Sign up begins at 8:30 a.m. with a 9:00 a.m. start.

Sun, April 2	10X
Sat, April 8	10X Mod
Sun, April 23	10X
Sun, April 29	10X Mod
Sun, May 7	10X
Sat, May 13	10X Mod
Sun, May 21	10X
Sun, May 27	10X Mod

All shooters between the ages of 12 and 20 are free. Ammo for juniors is \$5.00.

There will be a C.M.P. meeting on Thursday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Jr. C.M.P. continues every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. through May. This is free to juniors 12 through 20 years of age. Rifles and ammo are supplied.

Work nights will begin on Thursday, April 6th and will continue every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. until dark, weather permitting. Rifle and pistol ranges will be closed for repairs during these times.

Please note the following dates on your calendar:

Saturday, April 15th – Shootsenfest at the Rifle Range

Saturday, April 6th – work day - all ranges are closed

Saturday, April 22nd – Hunter Education – all ranges are closed

Trap

Mike Cancilla

The Summer League has begun. Unfortunately, the weather has not warmed up yet so it still feels like the Winter League. The League shoots every Wednesday with a 5:00 p.m. sign-up and a 6:00 p.m. start. The League will go for 25 weeks with two weeks of make-up. We have a wide range of shooting abilities, so do not be afraid to come out and join the fun. If you need instructions on how to get started, come and see me at the Club on Wednesdays or email me.

We will have a couple of meat shoots on April 8th and May 13th. The shoots will start around 11:00 AM. We shoot at 10 birds two at each station. The highest

Trap Continued:

score wins or shoots off and then we randomly pick a score for the next shoot off or winner, if there is only one. You do not have to be a great shooter to win. I have seen people miss all of the birds and win. It is a lot of fun and I hope you can come out and join me. Members and non-members are welcome for both activities.

Please do not forget, we abide by the ATA rules. You must wear safety glasses and hearing protection at all times while shooting. Also, please pick up your shells when you are done shooting.

If anyone has any questions or comments you can contact me by email at mcancilla@verizon.net.

Lake

Jack McKinney

Fishing got off to a fast start at M.S.C.I. with the stocking of the lake on Saturday, March 11th. The fish stocked were mostly Rainbow Trout with some Golden Trout mixed in. The fish were from 11 inches to 20 inches in size. The next stocking will be some time in May.

I see that there are still some problems with catch and release. The best way to remove the hook from a Trout is to try and keep the fish in the water and remove the hook and try not to handle the fish any more than needed. If you take the fish out of the water and hold it or lay it on the ground to remove the hook there is a good chance that fish will die.

Changes are coming PLEASE watch for signs inside the clubhouse. The way you purchase daily permits is going to change. The table inside the door will go away. You will have to go into the back room by the office door to sign the book and pay for your daily fish permits. The fish permits will stay the same, but it will be very important that you fill out the envelope, state that it is for fishing and put your money inside the envelope, then put the envelope into the slot. PLEASE do not put loose money into the slot as we will have no way of knowing what it is for. You will have to use the correct envelope so that the correct committee gets credit for the money.

The fish attractors are still on, but I have not had the time to get started on them. As soon as I can get the time worked out, I will be calling people to help build them.

Workday is going to be late this year (in May), so if anyone has some spare time and wants to do some work at the lake, you can always cut brush around the lake or along the trails and road. You will see later where this may help with your dues payment.

You can contact me anytime with lake or fishing matters at 724-452-5983, or at jwmck@rcn.com.

Safety

Mark Retter

It has never been more convenient to take a boating course and earn a Pennsylvania Boating Safety Education Certificate! The Fish and Boat Commissions website is www.fish.state.pa.us You can earn a certificate by taking an online course

Safety Continued:

from your home by visiting the Commissions Boating Courses page to access the Boat Pennsylvania Internet Course; you can order a home study video/correspondence course by calling 1-800-830-2268; or by attending in person. To attend in person, visit the website at www.fish.state.pa.us or call 1-888-PAFish-1 (1-888-723-4741) to get the listing of courses available.

Education/Entertainment

Jim Leahy

Spring has arrived and it's time to start planning for the M.S.C.I. family picnic. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 1st. Last year's picnic was a success with hayrides, live music and great food. Make plans to attend this year and don't forget to bring a dessert or covered dish to share.

A hunter/trapper education class will be held at the Club on April 21st & 22nd. Call 724-934-6887 for the details.

M.S.C.I. monthly gun raffle tickets are still available at the trap office or my restaurant, Jimmy's in Mars. Winning tickets to be redeemed at Big Buck Sport Shop in Wexford. Store credit is available. The winning number is based on the PA evening 3-digit number the last day of the month. The winner will have 60 days to claim his/her prize or it becomes property of the Club. All state and federal laws apply. There were two guns raffled off in February. Congrats to Chet Whittam & Jerry Kumnik!

On May 6th & 7th the Club will hold a women's only personal protection class held by Safe-Tee Net.

For more information, or to enroll in the class, you can log onto their web page at www.safe-tee.net.

Archery

Matt Schultz

3-D Archery shoots for 2006 will be held on April 30th, May 14th, June 18th, July 30th, August 13th, and September 3rd & 17th.

There will be 30 targets; sign-up is from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 12 through 17, and under 12 shoot free.

Skeet

Bill Walls

If you haven't been down to the skeet building in the recent past, you need to come on by for a visit. The additions the Club members have made with their donated time, talent and money are truly amazing.

Skeet times are as follows: Tuesdays from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM*, and Sundays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*Saturday shooting is restricted if outdoor picnic shelter has been reserved.

The Skeet League is winding down its 2005/06 season. M.S.C.I. hosts Sewickley at home for our last match on April 2, 2006. The individual, 5-man and 2-man shoots are scheduled to be completed by the end of April, 2006. The M.S.C.I. website contains information regarding dates and locations for all Skeet League shoots.

Skeet Continued:

The following two issues have been brought to my attention by a number of Club members regarding the skeet fields. First, to the extent possible, pick up your empties. If you don't, somebody else has to do it. Second, top off the skeet machines at the end of your round. If every squad added one case of birds to the low house while shooters were on station 7, and one case of bids to the high house upon completion of the round, nobody would be stuck loading 7 cases of birds to the machines at the end of the day/evening. If you do not know how to load the machines, ask – someone will be glad to show you how!

Summertime will bring more registered birds and shoots, so keep an eye on the website for future details regarding dates.

M.S.C.I. Workday is Saturday, May 6th.

Please make every effort to attend and help make YOUR club better.



Here Ye! Here Ye!



See the membership section on how you can get M.S.C.I. to pay your 2007 dues!

Attention

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If you are receiving this or any other mailings from M.S.C.I. and should not be, please detach the mailing label, print "remove" on it and return it to us by mail. You may also email us at [mscimembership@comcast.net](mailto:mscimembership@comcast.net), if that would be more convenient. Thank you.

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