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# Millvale Sportsmen's Club

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## The President's Corner

As the President of M.S.C.I., I've had the opportunity to meet new members, develop new friendships and participate in activities with many of them. I've also had the privilege of continuing long time friendships with many of our senior members. I am saddened to report the passing of Edward R. Doerffler. As a life member, former director, officer and past president of M.S.C.I, Ed exemplified everything our Club, and we, as individuals should stand for. Honesty, integrity, morality, and strength of character were just a few of the values Ed led our Club with during his tenure. He attended Club workdays, participated in Club programs and activities, and had a burning passion for the shooting sports. Ed could be seen shooting trap with the Fossil League during the week, and spent many Sundays shooting trap and discussing unlimited topics with our many Club members. His unwavering commitment and dedication to this Club is one of the primary reasons M.S.C.I. continued to

grow and prosper over the years. Ed was an honest and fair businessman, a compassionate and understanding mentor, a great sportsman, and a fine gentleman. For all of us who knew him, it was an honor and a privilege to call him our friend. On behalf of the Officers, Directors and all the members of M.S.C.I., I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Ed's family during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,


*Dave Amstutz, President*

## Club Meetings

General Membership meetings will be conducted at the clubhouse at 8:00 p.m. on May 31, June 28, and July 26, 2007. 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 May 3, June 7, and July 5, 2007.

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# Membership

Jerry Werner

We are saddened to inform the membership of the passing of members Edward R. Doerffler and Clyde Richard Watenpool. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Doerffler and Watenpool families during this difficult time.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors for Millvale Sportsmen's Club for the past two years. I have enjoyed working with the other board members to keep M.S.C.I the best club in the area. However, due to personal and business commitments I have found it necessary to resign my position on the Board. I appreciate the support that many of you have provided me over the years. With that said, the Board has approved the appointment of Dave Kaczmarek as the new Membership Director. Dave is a great guy and it's been a pleasure working with him over the last month or so transitioning my responsibilities over to him.

The membership continues to be strong with approximately 20 new senior members submitting applications each month. We now have approximately 1420 paid members and members So there is no question in my mind that the membership will be full and a waiting list will once again be in effect at M.S.C.I. We also have 90+ life

members, 100+ junior members, 60+ student members, and 15+ spouse members, which puts our total membership count at approximately 1695 members strong. This could not have been accomplished without the memberships' support, for it is you that have helped market the club to others through your new members sponsorship.

Don't forget the deadline for the membership drive is June 30, 2007. We only need 80 more senior members by this date for us to reach our goal of 1500. If the goal is reached, each member who sponsored a new member between January 1, 2007 and June 30, 2007 will receive \$10 toward their next years dues (2008) per member sponsored (up to a maximum of \$80). Remember only senior members qualify and the pay out will stop once we reach 1500 members.

If you have a membership card that is not working properly, please send the card to the club address attention Membership. As long as the card is not visibly broken, it will be replaced free of charge. However, there is a \$20 replacement fee for all lost, stolen or broken cards. Remember, the access card you have in your possession is permanent and should not be thrown away.



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If you have any questions, please feel free to email Dave Kaczmarek at [davkaz@comcast.net](mailto:davkaz@comcast.net) or he can be reached by phone at 724-831-9200. I look forward to seeing you at the Club sometime.

## 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.

The cost for CMP shoots is \$10.00 and the cost for Slow Fire shoots is \$5.00. All shooters between the ages of 12 and 20 are free. Ammunition is not available at this time.

C.M.P. Shoots for May, June, July, 2007 are as follows. Sign up begins at 8:30 a.m. with a 9:00 a.m. start. Shoots are finished by 1:00 p.m:

Sun, May 6 CMP 50 Shot 10X  
Sat, May 12 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire  
Sun, May 20 CMP 50 Shot 10X  
Sat, May 26 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire  
Sat, June 2 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire  
Sun, June 10 CMP 50 Shot 10X  
Sat, June 16 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire  
Sun, June 24 CMP 50 Shot 10X  
Sun, July 1 CMP 50 Shot 10X  
Sat, July 7 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire  
Sat, July 14 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire  
Sun, July 22 CMP 50 Shot 10X

The ranges will be closed on the following days:

Rifle range - Sat, May 12, Noon until dark for a special event  
Rifle range - Sat., June 30, 9:00 a.m. until dark for a special event  
All Ranges - Sat, July 21 All Day (youth day)  
All Ranges, Saturday, July 28, All Day - Family Picnic

Work nights continue at 7:00 p.m. until dark every Tuesday through October. All ranges are closed at this time for repair and maintenance.

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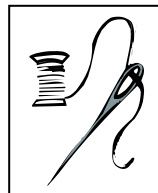
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CMP Continued:

Jr. C.M.P. continues every Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. through May. This is free to Juniors 12 through 20 years of age. Rifles and 22 cal. ammo are supplied.

Big Buck Sporting Goods offered to supply all the 22 ammo for the Jr. CMP program free of charge. Next time you are in the store buying your supplies be sure to tell Mark thanks.

The card access for the indoor 22 range is up and running. Everyone must sign the book and pay the range fee before using the indoor range. Remember to place all targets inside the red target area when using the indoor 22 range.

The Club Work Day will be Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Work planned on the ranges will include seeding the rifle range between the firing line and the 50 yard targets. Replacing any broken slats, clearing brush on both sides of the range, painting numbers on 200 yard backstop. At the pistol range, frames, clearing brush on both sides of range and seeding behind the shelter. The tools needed include dirt rakes, seed spreaders, loping shears, bow saws, chain saws, hand tools. I hope to see you there.

## Trap

Ron Gilson

The Summer League began on March 21, 2007. Trap continues every Wednesday evening and practice continues on Sundays.

## Lake

Jack McKinney

Spring has finally sprung and fishing is in full swing at M.S.C.I. We first stocked the lake in March, then again in April, and will stock one more time in May.

I will report on work day in the next newsletter. I'm hoping all goes well.

The Blue Gill Contest is July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Bring your own fishing equipment and bait. The Club will provide lunch and soft drinks. The top 3 total catches will receive trophies. The contest is open to all kids 12 and under, members kids or guests, everyone is welcome!

The Scouts from the Seneca Valley Chapter will be camping at the lake on the weekend of April 27-29. They will be doing some service work for us by cleaning up around the lake and cutting brush along the dam. During the day they will be at several of the shooting ranges.



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Lake Continued:

Sorry this is so short, but when you have been writing these for around 10 years as I have, sometimes you just run out of things to say! So, once again I will ask for some stories about happenings at the lake (you know the one that got away, or the one you did catch, or the time you fell into the lake). Come on, I know there are some really good stories to be told, so please share.

Thank you. If you have questions or comments, please contact me at 724-452-5983, or at [jwmck@zoominternet.net](mailto:jwmck@zoominternet.net).

## Education/Entertainment

Sue Werner

There will be a Basic Pistol Class on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Club. Also, a personal Protection Class is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Club. For more details check the website at [www.safe.tee.net](http://www.safe.tee.net).

A Gun Bash will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Millvale Sportsmen's Club. Tickets will be available soon. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

A new member, Steve Sweeney has donated six deer prints that he drew himself to the Club. These prints will be at the next General Meeting. If anyone is interested in buying a print, please see me.

Youth Day will be held on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at M.S.C.I; 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This is a free event (even a T-shirt and lunch will be provided). This event is limited to the first 150 youths, ages 9 to 15. See details at the Club or call Frank Sparrow, ACSL Youth Day Chairman at 724-444-6569.


The Club picnic is July 28<sup>th</sup> at our picnic shelter. Look for upcoming details.

## Archery

Matt Schultz

The 3-D archery season is upon us. Millvale's first 3-D shoot was April 29<sup>th</sup>. Our next two shoots at Millvale are May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. Due to the upcoming logging of the property, the 3-D will only be set up the day before the shoots. This will be done to protect the targets from falling trees and moving equipment. If all goes well with the logging, I hope to have the course set up for summer sometime in June. Once the course is set up for the summer, the cost will be \$5.00 to shoot the course during the week and \$10.00 on our Sunday shoots. The standing range is always open for use. The cost is \$1.00 for members and \$2.00 for guests.

Millvale is once again competing in the Western PA 3-D League. The League Shoots May 6<sup>th</sup> at Beaver Valley, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Ambridge, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Beaver Valley, and June 24<sup>th</sup> at



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Ambridge. Anyone from Millvale can participate in the League. Attendance at all shoots is not required. The top five scores from Millvale are used for our total score plus for each additional shooter our Club brings to the shoot the Club gets five more points to our total score. So coming to just one shoot will help.

The Archery Committee has a new bulletin board. The board is located to the right of the main entrance. The board contains news, shoot dates, league shoot information and more. If you wish to post something on the bulletin board, please send it to the archery director. Also beside the board are trays which contain copies of our 3-D schedule, the league schedule and directions to the other clubs. Please feel free to help yourself to a copy.

## Skeet

Bill Walls

The Skeet Committee will be restructured at the M.S.C.I. workday on May 5, 2007. If you want to be an active participant and help make skeet a better club activity, please stop at the skeet building at 8:30 a.m. on that day. Refreshments will be available.

The coin boxes for operation of the skeet fields have been ordered and should be installed soon. You must use a token to shoot skeet. No cash will be accepted.

Tokens will be sold at the skeet building by skeet committee members. We are looking into a token dispensing system. More information to follow.

Please remember your fellow shooters. Please pick up your shells after each round. Please top off the houses with birds after each round, including turning off the machines properly. If you do not know how, please ask for help, someone will gladly show you.

FYI, with the exception of placing the cases of birds in the skeet house, all other routine activities on the skeet fields are done by the skeet shooters. I thank those who do these activities on a regular basis, and ask that others consider getting involved. Remember, this is *your* club.

As always, I welcome your suggestions. If you have any concerns, please contact me at [wjwalls@mdwccg.com](mailto:wjwalls@mdwccg.com).

Skeet times are as follows:

Mondays from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Tuesdays from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM\*  
Sundays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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

## Farm and Grounds

David Wolford

It appears as though spring has finally arrived. Our annual workday has come and gone but there are still many projects that need done around the club year round. Some of these projects are large and ongoing projects such as the lead cleanup on the trap and skeet ranges. Some are small, such as

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## Farm and Grounds Continued:

installing electrical surge protection on the breaker panels at the Club. There is a long wish list of things the Directors and members would like to accomplish. We would like to ask you, our members, to help out. There is a significant amount of work that is done by the Directors and a small contingent of other volunteers to keep the club running smoothly. We can always use help from anyone who may be able to give us a little bit of time. Just a few hours will help us complete many tasks that otherwise may get put off due to the time constraints that all of the other volunteers are up against. If you have a trade or a skill that you can offer the club, we would be happy to direct you to an area that needs attention. You don't even need a specific skill in many instances; we only need able bodies in many projects. Please contact us if you can give us some of your time. We have a great organization that can only get better with a little more hard work and perseverance. You can contact us by dropping a note in the suggestion box or the drop safe at the Club. You can also drop us an email at [mail@millvalesportsmens.org](mailto:mail@millvalesportsmens.org). Thank you in advance for your interest in making M.S.C.I. the best sportsmen's organization in the area. We look forward to seeing you at the Club.

## **Safety**

Mark Retter

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Spring gobbler season is from April 28 until May 26, 2007. Only turkeys with visible beards are legal. Hunting by call only – no stalking – one-half hour before sunrise until noon. Hunters must be out of the woods by 1:00 p.m.

Do your part to make turkey hunting safer by following these safety tips:

- \* Positively identify your target.
- \* Make your position known to other hunters.
- \* Never stalk a turkey or turkey sound.
- \* Assume every noise and movement is another hunter.
- \* Protect your back.
- \* Shout "stop" to alert approaching hunters.
- \* Eliminate red, white, blue and black from your clothing.
- \* Preselect a zone of fire.

Varies requirements of spring gobbler season are as follows:

- \* Manually operated and autoloading shotguns limited to a 3-shell capacity in the chamber and magazine combined.
- \* Muzzleloading shotguns of all types and gauges.
- \* Long, recurve, compound bows or crossbows with cutting-edge broadheads.
- Fine shot no larger than No. 4 lead, bismuth-tin and tungsten-iron, or No. 2 steel. Rifle/shotgun combination guns may be used if ammunition is limited to shotgun shells. Carrying or using single projectile ammunition, rifles or handguns is unlawful.

Safety Continued:

- \* A hat containing a minimum of 100 square inches of solid fluorescent orange material, visible 360 degrees, must be worn at all times when moving. May be removed at a stationary calling location, but displaying a fluorescent orange band is strongly recommended.

## Up and Coming Events at M.S.C.I.:

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Club Work Day

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Youth Day

July 28<sup>th</sup> – Blue Gill Contest &  
Club Picnic

September 8 – Gun Bash at MSCI

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# May 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Skeet (5:00 – 10:00 pm)	2 Trap (5:00 – 10:30 pm) Jr. CMP (7:00 – 9:00 pm)	3 Board of Directors Meeting	4	5 CLUB WORK DAY! Skeet (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
6 3-D League Shoot CMP 50 Shot 10X Trap & Skeet (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)	7 Skeet (6:00 – 10:00 pm)	8 Skeet (5:00 – 10:00 pm)	9 Trap (5:00 – 10:30 pm) Jr. CMP (7:00 – 9:00 pm)	10	11	12 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire Skeet (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
13 Mother's Day Trap & Skeet (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)	14 Skeet (6:00 – 10:00 pm)	15 Skeet (5:00 – 10:00 pm)	16 Trap (5:00 – 10:30 pm) Jr. CMP (7:00 – 9:00 pm)	17	18	19 Basic Pistol Class Skeet (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
20 - Basic Pistol Class -CMP 50 Shot 10X -3-D Shoot -Trap & Skeet (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)	21 Skeet (6:00 – 10:00 pm)	22 Skeet (5:00 – 10:00 pm)	23 Trap (5:00 – 10:30 pm) Jr. CMP (7:00 – 9:00 pm)	24	25	26 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire Skeet (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
27 3-D League Shoot Trap & Skeet (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)	28 Skeet (6:00 – 10:00 pm)	29 Skeet (5:00 – 10:00 pm)	30 Memorial Day Trap (5:00 – 10:30 pm) Jr. CMP (7:00 – 9:00 pm)	31 General Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.		

# June 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10X Targets 40 Shot Slow Fire Skeet (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
3 3-D League Shoot Trap & Skeet (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)	4 Skeet (6:00 – 10:00 pm)	5 Skeet (5:00 – 10:00 pm)	6 Trap (5:00 – 10:30 pm) Jr. CMP (7:00 – 9:00 pm)	7 Board of Directors Meeting	8	9 Skeet (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
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17 Father's Day Trap & Skeet (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)	18 Skeet (6:00 – 10:00 pm)	19 Skeet (5:00 – 10:00 pm)	20 Trap (5:00 – 10:30 pm) Jr. CMP (7:00 – 9:00 pm)	21	22	23 Personal Protection Class Skeet (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
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