

The Bullet



A Quarterly News Bulletin

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Of the Marion Road Gun Club

Club Officers Elections for 2023:

Members present at the December meeting voted unanimously to reseat the existing elected club officers for the 2023 calendar year. Serving as president, Kyle Turner, vice president, Ernie Campbell and secretary/treasurer, Glenda McLendon.

Chief Range Officer (open, Lee Pennington is serving now)

Match Directors:

Rifle Matches – Jim Ellison

Bullseye Pistol – Bob Meloche (recently returned from out West)

Monthly Action Match – Dale Bills, George Lucero

TNPL (Thursday Night Pistol League) – Zim Ogburn

3 – Gun – Lance Guest, George Lucero

LRRPC Executive Committee Chair – Richard Gambill

Match Date Changes for 2023

Our matches have been held on the same weekends for more than a decade now. Due to obligations and in order to increase the number of matches conducted each year, the following changes will take place in February 2023.

1st Saturday – Action Match – Registration begins 8:00 a.m.

2nd Saturday – High Power and Rimfire Rifle Matches – Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

3rd Saturday – Orientation on the Pistol Range 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

4th Saturday – Bullseye Pistol Match – Registration begins 8:00 a.m. **NEWLY REINSTATED**

Special Matches:

MR3G (Marion Road 3 Gun) program is planning for 3 matches throughout the year. These are large, multi-stage matches for experienced shooters. Registration is available only on Practiscore where you'd search for our club's matches and register/pay there. February 24th and 25th, both Pistol Bays, the 100 yard and 200 yard Rifle Ranges will be **out of service** for these matches on the **day of the match itself and the day prior** for set-up. Please plan your range trips accordingly at the end of the month!



New Business:

The officers of the club are looking to purchase a 4 wheel drive tractor for use on the property. We'll need a front loader, box scrape, bush hog and ideally a backhoe attachment. We are planning to site an enclosed cover for this near the connex box at the pistol pits as we're already wired for 220 volt service to run a welder. Zim Ogburn will lead this effort to locate the equipment with assistance from Ernie Campbell.

Work Projects Planned for 2023

Berm Maintenance

The pine trees on the berms in the pistol bays must be removed before they become too large to handle easily. The grade is 2:1 so a little steep and we'll need some younger, sure footed volunteers to help in the removal. We expect ten men could clear the berms of these pines in a day.

Drainage from the Rifle Ranges

We are looking for workable, affordable solutions to the drainage coming from the rifle ranges during heavy rains. The roadway up on the 200 range is rutted and needs refilling every two to three months.

If the rain subsides.....

We are planning to have the road from the bottom shelf to the pistol pits regraded this Thursday, just before the 3-Gun Winter War Match on Feb 25th.

National High School Rodeo Association Light Rifle Match and Finals

The club has agreed to host the Annual Light Rifle Matches for the NHSRA in June of 2023. This will be the last year the organization will be in Perry for a few years. We had a great time hosting these young athletes last year and look forward to having them at our club again! We will need some volunteers to help set up for the match and to provide support during the conduct of the matches over three days. We will put out a call for specific duties needed before the match dates (TBA).

Neighboring Clubs News and Activities:

MGGOA (Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association) Twin Oaks Range, Dublin Georgia

MGGOA (Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association) Twin Oaks Range <http://www.mggoa.com/> outside of Dublin will be hosting a steel challenge match on Saturday, Feb 18th, arrive before the 1:00 p.m. start time for registration.

The following day, Sunday, Feb 19th, at 1:00 p.m., they will be hosting a .22 rimfire “Mini Sniper Course” shooting at regular 12 oz drink cans (you bring your own targets, need 25 targets) from 25 to 100 yards so know your dope before joining in! Any 22 lr rimfire rifle may be used, but in the spirit of the challenge, leave your multi-thousand dollar “match rifles” at home and bring a S&W M&P 15-22 AR Pattern Rifle or Ruger 10/22 with scope. You may use a bi-pod if it’s attached to the rifle or a bag, like a bookbag, rucksack or First Aid kit. Bolt actions are also allowed but you will suffer as this is a timed event. Stages will run quickly, about 5 targets per stage. I plan to shoot this myself so if you want a ride over on the day, let me know at president@marionroad.com.

1,000 Yards! Red, White & Blue Gun Range, Tennille, Georgia

Want to be able to test your wind reading ability out to 1,000 yards without driving all the way to the CMP range in Anniston? There’s a relatively new range and club just outside of Tennille, Georgia, about an hour away from MRGC that is operated by a group of bench rest shooters (International Benchrest Shooters) who really went the extra mile. Very nice facilities (concrete decks and shooting tables, overhead cover, electricity, water, etc.) and their range is open. Target lines range from 100 to 1,000 yards and you would be allowed to set up your own steel targets also. David and Donna Matthews are some of the nicest folks around and they’ve even visited our club in January to observe the Action Match. You can contact them on Facebook via private messaging and they will be able to tell you if there’s a match planned on site before you go. Cost right now is only \$60 per year and I think it’s an outstanding value for distance shooters.

