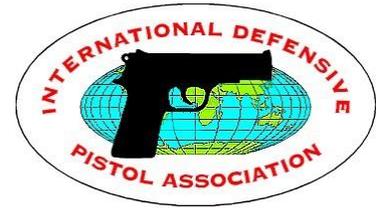




Mason Dixon Rifle Club January 2020 Newsletter



Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and got that special something: rifle, pistol, shotgun or shooting related gift you (or your spouse) have been hoping for.

I am happy to report that both the gate and camera system are working flawlessly, but we still have not had a measurable snow or power outage to truly test the systems.

Sadly, it doesn't look like the muzzleloader program will be restarted this year. However, the introduction of Smallbore Silhouette looks promising. We will again offer it this year immediately after the Steel Challenge matches, third Saturday of each month.

The Action Bays have had a finer gravel (crusher run) to make them easier to walk in. My tired old feet really like this. Two of the bays have plate racks, one with assorted steel plates and a dueling tree. We also will continue to have steel available at 50, 100 and 200 yards for your enjoyment. Remember there are caliber restrictions on all steel, signage in the Action Bays has been added to remind everyone. This steel should not be engaged from closer than 10 yards. All steel in the action bays is limited to pistol calibers only, the same for the reduced silhouette at the 50-yard line in the pistol canopy area. Rifle and shotgun are still permitted in the Action Bays, just DO NOT engage these targets with either firearm. Steel at both 100 and 200 yards on the Hi-Power range are for rifle calibers, but please, no armor piercing rounds or other ammunition designed to penetrate steel at these distances.

Another item is lost property; we have accumulated several items that have been dropped at the range or left behind after a match. There is a table in the bench house (back room) with these items. If you have lost something you may want to check the table. Also, along this line, if you should find something left at the range by another shooter, put it in the bench house and let one of the directors know what you recovered. We may have gotten a call about it.

We have several projects in mind for this year. The additions are sure to please, more to follow as we may need help to complete some of these.

Membership, again I have had several requests from people looking to join the club, many new to the area. We will be posting the application mid-February along with the process. One of the most important things is having a current NRA membership number followed by two current members to sponsor the applicant. These signatures must be from the sponsoring persons. If you are approached by someone new to the area either at work or in some other activity and they are looking to join our club, talk with them. Explain what we offer. Are they someone you would be willing to sponsor?

The first Renewal date is Saturday, March 7th at the range. The second renewal date is also the Dinner and Stockholders meeting. As we did last year our Treasurer, Richard Kerr has added a message concerning club dues and the annual stockholders meeting and Club dinner. This is attached to this newsletter.

On April 11th there will be an IDPA Organizational meeting at the range 9am until 12 noon.

There will be four scheduled work details all starting at 10 am. The dates are: Saturday, April 25th, Saturday, June 27th, Saturday, August 29th and Saturday, October 24th. Other dates may be added for special projects. Other ways to fulfill your 8-hour work obligation are working with any of our scheduled shooting events (make sure you contact the match director when you arrive), making arrangements with one of the directors for repair, painting, trimming or other such labors not being completed on scheduled days.

Also attached is the dinner reservation form, please complete it and return it along with a check for the number of meals you are requesting, to the listed address. This will again be at the Boston Beanery on Pattenon Drive. Menu is the same as last year, If you are interested in adult beverages, you will need to purchase them.

In closing, always think safety when at the range. Obey all NRA and Club safety rules. If you see someone doing something unsafe let them know, show them correct way, the safe way. You cannot call that bullet back!

Stay safe,

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2020 DUES NOTICE

Dear Mason Dixon Rifle Club (MDRC, Inc.) member,

I need your serious attention and your help. Please take time NOW to mark 2 dates on your 2020 calendar and set reminders so that you will not overlook them.

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, we will be receiving annual dues payments and exchanging the new 2020 Bench House key. The Gate Card does not need to be reprogrammed. This meeting will be held at the club room at the range and at the close of that meeting the locks on the (old standby) gate and the bench house will be changed. In the case of extremely bad weather, check our website or Facebook page to look for possible cancellation. Try to make this first meeting even if you plan to attend the dinner the next week. Every year some members who intended to come to the dinner get sick or otherwise fail to attend. After March 15, EVERY DUES PAYMENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$25.00 LATE FEE! NO EXCUSES, NO EXCEPTIONS

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, from 2:00 PM to 4:45 PM, our second and final dues payment and key exchange meeting will be held at the **Boston Beanery** at *383 Patteson Drive*. It will be followed at 5:00 PM by our annual dinner. Dinner will be followed by the annual MDRC, Inc. Stockholders' meeting beginning promptly at 6pm.

We have to collect dues and exchange keys with 200 members, a task that is impossible to do efficiently unless virtually all of the members attend one of the dues meetings. In the very exceptional cases in which it is impossible for a member to attend either meeting, dues and old key can be sent to the Treasurer at the address below, **along with a self-addressed envelope**, before March 15 and the new key will be sent sometime in late March. I ask that this option be used only when absolutely necessary.

We ask that any member who does not wish to renew his/her membership in 2020 notify me in writing as soon as possible and return gate card and bench house and bathroom keys, before March 15, 2020. Any dues not paid by March 15 are delinquent and are subject to a \$25.00 late payment fee. Any member who has not paid dues by March 30, 2020, will lose his/her membership, but can be considered for future membership only upon new application and payment of application fee, initiation fee, and dues.

Annual dues for 2020 remain at \$120.00. Members who have not participated in a scheduled work detail or have not done alternate service to the club, as verified by a club Director, are also subject to a \$100.00 work waiver fee, payable along with the dues. The price for the dinner again this year is \$25.00 per person.

This is your dues notice. Although this information will be posted on our website, consider this your final notice and take responsibility for paying your dues on time.

Best regards,

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MASON RIFLE CLUB ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION

Location: Boston Beanery, 383 Patteson Drive, Morgantown, WV
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020
Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Membership renewal will end promptly at 4:45pm so everyone can enjoy the dinner.
Dinner Type: Buffet
Menu: Swedish Meatballs, Prime Rib, Grilled Chicken Breast, Tossed Salad w/Ranch or Italian Dressing, Scallop Potatoes, Green Beans, Garlic Bread Sticks.
Dessert: Bread Pudding w/Irish Whiskey Sauce, Boston Cream Pie
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks, Water - Adult beverages available but not included w/meal
Cost: \$25.00 per person (including children)

Name: _____

Number of Persons Attending Dinner: _____ x \$25.00

Total: Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to MDRC, Inc.

Send Check and Reservation Form to: **Richard Kerr, Treasurer**
MDRC Incorporated
483 Rebecca St.
Morgantown, WV 26505