



January 2023 MDRC Newsletter

All,

As 2023 starts, I would like to thank you all for making 2022 a successful year at the range. A few setbacks, but all in all a great year.

With the closing of Defense in Depth I anticipate an influx of new member requests. Application Form (2023) Background Waiver Release Form will be posted before the end of this month. They are both to be completed and returned to the mailing address at the bottom of the Application Form along with a \$40 check for the background check. Return as early as you possibly can, we will have an introductory meeting for new applicants early April

Membership renewal dates will return to two separate days at the range. The first renewal date is Sunday, March 5, 2023 from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. The second renewal date is Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Late fee of \$25.00 will be incurred after the second renewal meeting. Your name will be removed from MDRC membership on April 1, 2023.

Rumors abound about membership dues increasing. Membership dues will not change, as in the past it is \$120.00. We have no plans to increase the membership fee.

But, 2023 will be the last year for the Work Waiver fee to remain at \$100. It has not increased in over 10 years and the buying power of that \$100 has suffered. The 2023 season will be the last for the \$100.00 Waiver Fee. Starting in 2024 the Work Waiver fee will increase to \$200. Material, repairs to equipment, facilities and contracted labor have all gone up. To maintain the range and continue to make improvements we need to have your assistance. Come out to the Work Details, help with one or more of our shooting events. The Work Waiver fee will be reviewed yearly and only increase after the following year's notice.

We are including guidelines to show how working at each venue will convert toward meeting your Waiver requirements; but, don't stop helping out when you reach the minimum work requirement. We can always use your support keeping these matches running smoothly.

You do not need to do all of your work at any one venue, your time can be computed from any or all of the events.

Working set-up and tear down of three (3) Steel matches will fulfill the work requirement or working set-up and tear down of two (2) IDPA matches or working as S.O. or scorekeeper for two (2) matches will fulfill the work requirement or working set-up and tear down of 3 Sporting Clays matches will fulfill the work requirement or working set-up and tear down of four (4) Smallbore Metallic Silhouette matches. Any combination of these can be used to achieve the necessary work requirement.

All matches: In order for a member to receive credit toward the Work Waiver requirement it is the members responsibility to personally notify the March Director each time they are present to

perform work. All work details begin at a specified time for each match. Partial credits are not documented for late arrivals.

Match fees for IDPA and Steel have not changed; non-club member \$15, club member \$10. Competing with a second gun will be an additional \$5.

Those working as S.O.s will have a reduced registration fee.

Our matches have not returned to pre COVID levels, I am sure that the cost and availability of ammunition also has affected these numbers. As times and attitudes adjust to the new normal, I hope to see participation in these venues grow.

As this past shooting season, the Mason Dixon Junior Rifle Club will again be practicing at the Club every Friday Night starting a 6pm until dark. David Wisman - MDJRC Club President, with the assistance of Bob Driscole and Carl Flowers will be working with these talented youths. I hope we will see more of them this coming season and see their membership grow.

The shooting events will be starting in late March (Sporting Clays weather permitting) April and May for the others. Work detail days will be scheduled monthly starting in April. I will try to make them on the last Saturday of each month. The mowing will again be coordinated through Stan Fetty. He has the roster filled. Hopefully, the weather permitting mowing will be completed early mornings (possibly Tuesday or Thursday)

In the near future we will be asking for feedback from you. We will be putting together a short survey, to be posted on Survey Monkey later this spring; seeking input from you as to what we can do to make our range even better. What would you like to see happening in the future? Is there anything, positive or negative we may want to consider changing, improve or add. What do you find most important for the future of the range.

One more thing, I need you to follow activities and announcements on our Web Page. We will post a monthly calendar of all activities for each month.

After issues with Facebook, I no longer inter-act with the site. I will not be checking messages or posting on the Facebook page. Unless there is a great demand for its use, it is now dormant.

So, welcome to 2023, see you at the range.

Stay safe

Bob Cheslock, President MDRC