

Muskegon Pistol & Rifle Club June Bulletin, 2009

Sign up for Range Safety Officer training: September 19, 2009

This will be an all day training session at the indoor range beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, 9/19/2009. The cost of the session is \$75 which includes student books, a hat, and the NRA fee. Prepay by August 1, so we can get the materials ordered. This training will give you the skills to be a range officer at any of our indoor or outdoor matches. Official information can be found here:

<http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/rso.asp>

Come to our remaining 2009 Outdoor Steel Plate Pistol Shoots:

Thursday, June 18 (Evening)
Saturday, July 18
Saturday, August 22
Saturday, September 26
Saturday, October 17

Come to our remaining 2009 Outdoor Rifle matches:

Saturday, June 20: CMP Garand/Carbine
(Garand Course "A" Carbine will be a 40 round match at 100 yards)
Saturday, June 27: AR-15 Day
Saturday, July 25: M1 for Vets
Sunday, August 16: CMP Michigan State Garand Championship
Saturday, September 12: NRA 80 round Regional Course
Sunday, September 27: Cast Bullet shoot – Kangaroo Cup
Saturday, October 3: M1 for Vets
Saturday, October 24: CMP Garand/Vintage Rifle (Both Course "A" 200 yards). Please note this is the correct date of our last high-power matches. The date published in the Spring 2009 newsletter was incorrect.

Volunteers needed:

Even if you don't have a desire to shoot in one of our outdoor rifle (or pistol) matches, please come at least one time and help out. We need help with setup, tear down, target pullers, target scorers, range safety officers, someone to help with registration, sell ammo, help with liability forms, and do statistics. Helping out will also give those members who do work the majority of the matches the chance to shoot as well.

Please be aware that your board of directors and officers has been working hard with a schedule of events at the outdoor range that brings in money to the club for our operating expenses. The indoor range is NOT self-sustaining! The range and league fees generated at the indoor range are not enough to keep the place open. Without the outdoor range activities bringing in money to the club treasury, we would all be paying over \$100

a year membership dues. The outdoor rifle matches are NOT JUST for the enjoyment of those who like to shoot rifles. The Garand matches and such bring in the majority of the money to the club! Successful matches are those that run smoothly with little problems or time delays. Successful matches bring in more shooters. We have finally gotten ourselves “on the map” with competitors from across the state as well as from Ohio and Indiana travelling to our club to shoot. To keep them coming we need more volunteers to help out, not just shooters. So those of us on the board and the outdoor range committee ask you to please come out and help.

Elections for Club Offices are due by July 31. We have three openings for the board: vice president, treasurer, and one board position.

An officer must have been a club member in good standing for one year. You may nominate yourself or someone else with their permission. Write a nomination note and have it signed by the member running, and 2 more sponsors. Turn it in to a club officer on a Tuesday open range night, or mail it to MPRC, P.O. Box 128, Fruitport MI 49415

Hold Harmless Agreement:

Please remember that the board has, with the help of a lawyer, developed a “Hold Harmless Agreement.” This agreement needs to be signed by all members and their guests. They are kept in the 3-hole binder at the indoor range. We will also have them in the outhouse and in a PVC pipe attached to the tower at the pistol side of the outdoor range. If you bring a guest to the outdoor range, please have them sign it and place it back in the holder.

Outdoor Range Fees:

Your officers and board of directors have been working hard to keep the club open and financially solvent without raising dues. As in the past, those who use the indoor range facilities pay range fees to do so. Those who solely use the outdoor range have paid only their dues but normally no range fees. As costs to operate the indoor range have gone up, so have the taxes at the outdoor range. To help with the taxes at the outdoor range and all other expenses, the board has installed a red metal pipe by the tower behind the 100 yard benches for the collection of range fees at the outdoor range. Range fees for both ranges will be \$2.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. This new policy will equalize the fees of both ranges.

The board realizes this is a change for those who use the outdoor range. It has always been a policy of the club to collect range fees for guests of the members at the outdoor range. But then those monies still had to be turned in to a club officer or brought to the indoor range to be deposited in the box. Now it will be easier to leave the money in the pipe for a board member to collect.