

# PMSC newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we near the end of 2008, it is time to look forward to 2009. Dues for 2009 are payable until December 31st at the current rate of \$60.00. After that, add \$15.00 as a loss of the early pay discount. Be sure to pick up your new card key from the Caretaker or from Ira Schmeltz or John McArdle and have your one time fee of \$10.00 ready. Entry to the Club is not possible otherwise. This system was put into place to try to eliminate people "freeloading" on your dime and to better secure the property. Please do not give your card key to **anyone**. This is against Club policy and will result in the suspension of your card. Also, remember that you **must** have your Membership Card with you at all times while on Club property. Cards must be presented to anyone who questions your status as a Member, otherwise, you must vacate the property. While these rules may seem harsh to some of you, I assure you that it is done with the intent of protecting our Club from people who do not belong to it. Remember, you pay dues and have an interest in the Club, they do not. Read more about Keyless access on Chairmans' Message on page 3.

### In Memoriam...

George Abshier, Fran Hoffman and Rudy Wynn. We will miss you.

-Ron Bachy, President PMSC

**Civilian Marksmanship Garand Class:** We are currently putting together a Garand Class for early Fall. It would include instruction on the M1 Garand, Carbine and 03 Springfield. Date is not set but we could do it during weekday evenings and add a certified Garand Shoot during a weekend. Again, look on the Club Forum page for details or questions and/or contact Chessman.

### Next Game Commission Hunter-Trapper Education

**Course** will be in early March 2009. We plan on it being the first Friday and Saturday in March. To register go to Game Commission web sit at [pgc@state.pa.us](mailto:pgc@state.pa.us) and register on line. It is not posted there but will be up later this Fall. We are limiting class size to 50 due to new curriculum. Chessman

**Congradulations to David McMasters** for being chosen as an Outstanding Hunter- Trapper Educator by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. David has devoted many years volunteering as an Instructor. He gives his expertise in Trapping and Black Powder and is a treasure to watch working with the many young and young at heart who take our HTE classes. This honor is well deserved by this 'Mountain Man' or should I say Mountain of a Man!

Bill Chessman

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# Upcoming Events.....

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

### First Sunday of Every Month

9 AM - CMP Fees vary depending upon level of participation.

10 AM - Winter Trap League - \$7.50

### Every Sunday

1 PM Trap Practice

### Second Sunday of Every Month

9 AM - Steel Plate Shoot \$5.00

9:00AM- PAFOA Shoot

### Every Monday

6 PM - Archery Practice

### Every Second Monday

6 PM Youth 22 Shoot Mom and Dad's Can Shoot Too! & Youth Archery - Free

### Every Second Tuesday

First Step Pistol Resuming on Sept 11 @ 5PM  
Pre-Reg Contact Bill Chessman

### First Wednesday of Every Month

7 PM - Membership Meeting Combination Building

### First, Second & Fourth Thursday of Every Month

5:30 PM - Indoor Pistol Range Orientation

6 PM - IPSC Practice \$3.00

6 PM - Trap Standard Practice Fees Apply

### Third Friday of Every Month

6PM IPSC practice

9PM Monte Carlo Nite-Texas Holdum

### Every Saturday

10 AM - Trap Practice Standard Fees Apply

### Third Saturday of Every Month

BB Gun Shoot 2:00pm - 4:00

Youth Archery Program 4 PM - 6PM

### Fourth Saturday of Every Month

9 AM - Steel Plate Shoot - \$5.00

## KIDS ARCHERY SHOOT

tentatively will be held after the **B-B Gun shoot**

on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 4:pm-6:00pm.

Limited to small amount of children.

### For More Information, Please Call:

John McArdle (412) 673-1028  
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## Message From The Chairman

Here we are again, it's the fall. Hunting season will be here before you know it; by the way, I hope you all have a successful and safe hunting season.

There have been some new additions to the club grounds. We have installed streetlights to brighten up the club entrance. In addition to the lighting, we have also installed a motorized gate with a keyless access for the members in the upper parkinglot before the entrance to the rifle range.

As of now the keyless gate is in operation and you must use a computerized key card to access club ranges. The keyless access cards are a one time purchase of \$10.00. You can get your keyless access card by contacting the caretaker- Henry Hoffman, Ira Schmeltz, John McArdle or at the monthly club meetings.

The keyless card must be kept with your membership card and is only good if you are a current paid member. Both cards are required to be on your persons at all times when on the club grounds otherwise you will have no access or exit to club grounds. Also scan your keyless card everytime you enter and exit the club grounds whether the gate is open or not.

The gate will be open for "Open To Public" Events/ Functions. All non-members must leave before gate is closed or be accompanied a current member with key card. Gate will be controled by timer or Henry, Pappy and/or Ira will control the gate. All Committee chairs must send tentative plans for future shoots/events asap.

There are future plans are to install keyless access into the combo-building and the indoor pistol range. You will need the card to access the ranges.

These changes will be confusing at first, but bear with us and we will work things out. I would like to thank the members who came out to help with these two projects.

Our shooting sports/events, Trap, CMP, IPSC, Archery, have been very successful and are still doing good. Improvements have been made to the the backstops at the Rifle range. Also, wire fencing has been installed to hang targets on. Please remove and dispose of targets/garbage in trash cans provided when finished shooting. A copy of range rules are posted at each range: read and follow all rules! No shooting at intermidiate targets on the ground it causes ricochets. Our IPSC range is always under-construction. We held 2 successful Full Auto Shoot Demonstrations. Thanks to all who have helped make improvements and lending a hand in organizing special events at the club.

Our 4th gun bash in July was another successful event. I would like to thank all the help that turned out to help on that long, hot day. I also would like to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season.

John McArdle

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT.....

### Doc Ligget

I'd like to talk about a gentleman that has been around a long time and has been there and done that. This guy is sort of a living history. He was in WW2 and the Korea War. There are not many like him still around but this gentleman still finds time to instruct young shooters in the art of Trap Shooting. I wrote up Doc Ligget last Fall but his write up was bumped for a write up on some young, upstart club member. So hopefully we'll get it in this Spot Light article in the newsletter. You can tell Doc by the cigar prominently sticking out of his lower jaw. It is not lit mind you but it is well chewed. He also had until recently a little yellow car that sort of looked like a gold finch or canary. He sold it, so now you have to look for the cigar. As I mentioned earlier Doc has seen most of this planet serving as a flight surgeon during at least the two Wars I mentioned. He has taught and worked in many hospitals all over the place. The one I'm most familiar with is Columbia Hospital in Wilksburg. He was already working there when I was born back in '47, I believe. After many years as a 'saw bones' he retired from that and is now an active source of knowledge on most things. He adds to the expertise and stories that frequent our gun club. He escapes PMSC and spends time with his family. He travels to Hilton occasionally to check on his son or is that practice some golf on the numerous beautiful golf courses there. Doc and his crew can be seen at any of the club activities. He has been involved with our scouting programs, youth days, IPSC shotgun evenings, and just about any shotgun shooting program we have at PMSC. His leadership in teaching youngsters the fine art of handling firearms is a pleasure to be seen. His competent, patience in talking you through to successful clay pigeon breakage is something you should experience. Doc can be relied on when others think it too cold or hot to be on the Trap line. I have seen him spend the entire day out there with youths in below freezing, snowy conditions as well as Summertime 80's and 90's. He love to pass on his love for the shooting sports. Last Winter Doc was working on one of the Traps and slipped and broke his leg. He hibernated for a month but was soon back out there running around like a teenager. He might have went to Hilton Head and relaxed a bit or more likely he was out taking dancing lessons. At any rate he is back with us and in full swing. On Youth Day Doc, Dom, Vince, and Spike (well over 300 years of experience) were there all day with a few younger folks teaching the Youths how to break clay pigeons. It was a long hot day. Thanks to all of you and especially thanks to Doc Liggett for giving us the advantage of sharing your teaching and experiences. I still have to practice my right angles Doc!

*Bill Chessman*

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**NRA Classes:** We will try to have NRA First Step Classes the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6pm. through about 10 pm., in the Combination Building. Cost of these classes is \$50. We can do Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun depending on interest. These Classes like all NRA Classes are open to the general public. We can run classes in the evening, during the day and on weekends, so we can probably work out schedules to fit anybody. We can also run NRA

Basic Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun Classes but these take a full day or three evenings to finish. Cost is \$65. Again, running these classes depends on interest so setting a specific date is hard to do. NRA Personal Protection In the Home and Outside the Home are other courses we can schedule if interest. Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club currently has several qualified NRA Certified Instructors and three NRA Training Counselors. We can schedule any of the above mentioned classes quickly. If you have questions or are interested in taking an NRA Course or becoming an NRA Instructor contact Bill Chessman by e-mail or on our PMSC Forum.

# PITCAIRN-MONROEVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 2009 RENEWAL NOTICE 2009

Dues are payable Starting on September 1, through December 31, of each year

The renewal amount (below) will remain in effect until December 31.

If your dues are paid after December 31st of each year,  
the cost of the annual dues will be increased to \$75.00

Circle the type of membership/s that applies to you:

**ACTIVE \$60.00    SPOUSAL \$15.00    JUNIOR (0-18) \$5.00**

Please complete the information sheet below. We need to make sure we have accurate data on all members therefore, please provide use with all requested information.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What year did you join PMSC? \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ JR / SR / III \_\_\_\_\_ D/O/B \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: (    )    -    Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Directors' Corner...*

It was a great summer to be shooting at the club this year. If you haven't made it out to a club meeting lately, stop by the combo building and check out the monthly club calander. There is just about something going on every day at the club. There are on average 31 events (trap practice, archery practice, Ipsc practice, youth shoots, etc) on 21 event days. So there are roughly 7 days a month for new events or practices. However, some events, which are better described as gatherings are occurring almost weekly, not indicated on the calander. Myself and a several other memebbers meet up at the rifle range to practice for the clubs monthly CMP practice. Of course we call it a "practice practice". You can find out more about these practices on the new discussion forum through the clubs website. Other events that may not be as self explanatory would be the Poofa shoots. This shoot is composed primarily of folks that belong to another discussion forum found on-line at [www.Pafoa.org](http://www.Pafoa.org). They meet on the second sunday of each month at the ipsc ranges where they show off there recent purchases, eat great food, discuss and shoot guns. Typically there is a main range for plinking at stationary targets, the fun house is set up to introduce shooters to IPSC type shooting and my favorite, the Easter Island bay (the one with the big rocks in front of it) is set up different each month from shooting bowling pins, ballons, clay pigeons to cardboard targets attached to swingers. This past month we had another full auto shoot/demonstration in the lower ipsc bays after the poofa shoot. There were approximatley 20 different guns at this shoot. With twice that many grins and smiles.

Besides these group shoots, individual practice can still be fun on the rifle and adjacent pistol ranges. There are 2 dedicated plate racks on the pistol range and 2 gongs on the rifle range. You get a little more satisfying "feedback" from watching a plate fall over or hearing the ring from a gong. The 3-D archery course has quite a variety of targets from the usuall deer, turkey, bear, carabou and elk to the somewhat different targets like crocodiles and cobra snakes.

As with all families, it's not always fun and games. Our PMSC family has lost 2 of it's dearest members. Fran Hoffman and George Abshier. They will both be deeply missed forever in our thoughts.  
*Roland Fero, Director*



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**Christmas Party!**

**Club Members Children Only**

- We will be having our annual Club Covered dish Christmas Party On December 7, 2008 from 2pm until 6pm. Children under 10 receive a gift from Santa. Santa will be arrive at 3pm. Please reply by November 30th.

• John McArdle 412-673-1028

# SPORTING ARMS

Pitcairn~Monroeville Sportsmen's Club

One each day starting on Thurs. Nov 6 thru Sun. Dec. 21, 2008- NO BONUS NUMBERS  
Number plays on the PA Daily Lottery Number 1st Number **DRAWN AT 7:00 PM**

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Nov. 6 Thurs	Weaterby Vanguard Syn/Blued 30-06	Nov. 29 Sat	Bersa Thunder .380 3.5 bl
Nov. 7 Fri	Taurus 85 SS .38 Cal	Nov. 30 Sun	Mossberg 500 Combo 12 Ga.
Nov. 8 Sat	S&W Sigma Semi-Auto 40 Cal.	Dec. 1 Mon	Kel Tech 9mm
Nov. 9 Sun	Bersa Thunder .380 3.5 bl	Dec. 2 Tues	Remington 870 Exp. Syn. 12 Ga.
Nov.10 Mon	Mossberg 835 12 Ga.	Dec. 3 Wed	Savage 111 Package 22" brl. 270 Cal.
Nov. 11 Tues	Springfield XD 40X Treme Duty	Dec. 4 Thurs	Springfield XD 40X Treme Duty
Nov. 12 Wed	Savage 111 Package 30-06	Dec. 5 Fri	Remington 870 Exp. Syn. 12 Ga.
Nov. 13 Thurs	Mossberg 500 Combo 12 Ga.	Dec. 6 Sat	CZ 452 Beechwood Stock 22 LR
Nov. 14 Fri	A Uberti 1873 Catleman 45 Long Colt	Dec. 7 Sun	Tarus 85 SS .38 Cal.
Nov. 15 Sat	Savage/Stevens .223	Dec. 8 Mon	Ruger P90 45 ACP Bl.
Nov. 16 Sun	Savage 93R17 Package & Scope	Dec. 9 Tues	Ruger Mk III 22 Cal.
Nov. 17 Mon	Kel Tech 9mm	Dec. 10 Wed	S&W Sigma Semi-Auto 40 Cal.
Nov. 18 Tues	Ruger Mk III 22 Cal.	Dec. 11 Thurs	Savage 93R17 Package & Scope
Nov. 19 Wed	Ruger P90 45 ACP Bl.	Dec. 12 Fri	Kel Tech 9mm
Nov. 20 Thurs	Tarus 85 SS .38 Cal.	Dec. 13 Sat	A Uberti 1873 Catleman 45 Long Colt
Nov. 21 Fri	Remington 870 Express 20Ga.	Dec. 14 Sun	Mossberg 500 Combo 12 Ga.
Nov. 22 Sat	Beretta 9000s 9mm	Dec. 15 Mon	Savage 111 Package 30-06
Nov. 23 Sun	Savage 111 Package 22" brl. 270 Cal.	Dec. 16 Tues	Beretta 9000s 9mm
Nov. 24 Mon	Remington 870 Exp. Syn. 12 Ga.	Dec. 17 Wed	Mossberg 835 12 Ga.
Nov. 25 Tues	S&W Sigma Semi-Auto 40 Cal.	Dec. 18 Thurs	Bersa Thunder .380 3.5 bl
Nov. 26 Wed	Mossberg 500 Combo 12 Ga.	Dec. 19 Fri	Kel Tech 9mm
Nov. 27 Thurs	Springfield XD 40X Treme Duty	Dec. 20 Sat	Springfield XD-40 Cal.
Nov. 28 Fri	CZ 452 Beechwood Stock 22 LR	Dec. 21 Sun	Weaterby Vanguard Syn/Blued 30-06

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## Tenative 3-D ARCHERY SCHEDULE 2009

We are planning on having a Traditional Shoot in the coming year, sometime in June- second weekend- june 13 - 14. More information to follow, please check the clubs' website. Subject to change of date, next years' 3-D Shoots are as follows...

### 2009 Schedule

March 5th - 30 Targets

April 19

June 28

August 2

September 13

May 17

July 12

August 16

September 27

**SIGN-UP 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**ENTRY FEE**

ADULT - \$8.00 CHILDREN - \$4.00

**BREAKFAST \$3.00 7:00AM TILL 10:00AM**

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