



# MORGAN COUNTY GUN CLUB

January 31, 2022

Hi Everyone!

Yearly newsletter time! Hope everyone is staying warm!

Last year we registered six registered shoots and had good attendance. Maybe everyone was tired of the restrictions and trying to move forward. This year, shooters are having trouble finding shells and/or components. If located, prices are super high, so attendance will most likely be down again this year, so we only scheduled three registered shoots.

Our yearly club championship shoot was well attended, which was held the last weekend of September. High doubles award went to Dean Townsend of Thornville with a score of 99-100. Dean is a member of the gun club, practices here, and competes nationally. Dean Townsend shot another good score to win the High Gun Member Belt Buckle, 95-100 (48-50 singles/47-50 hdcp; ATA 27 yd). Only club members are eligible to win the buckle. He is an All-American shooter as well as an All-Ohio Team shooter. Dean was inducted into the Ohio Hall of Fame this year, 2021. Club members as well as non-club members are eligible for remaining awards: Bill Swanger from N. Canton won High Gun Open with a score of 97-100 (49-50 singles/48-50 hdcp; ATA 22.5 yd). Bill tied with Tim McCracken of Alliance (49-50 singles; 48-50 hdcp; ATA 20 yd). They decided to flip a coin instead of shooting off. Michael Kemp from Powhatan Point won High gun Handicap with a score of 95-100 (47-50 singles/48-50 hdcp; 27 yd). Michael tied the handicap score with Tim McCracken and Gary Holmes. Coin flip decided winner again. Award for Singles was the only shoot-off of the day. Fred Dague from Valley Grove, WV, John Evick of St. Clairsville, and Darrel Dowler from Parkersburg, WV. broke 50-50 from the 16 yard line (singles). It took two rounds for John Evick to claim the singles; he shot another 50 straight. Michael Humphrey from Logan won High Junior (18 and under) 93-100 (46-50 singles/ 47-50 hdcp; ATA 19 yd). Michael, his brother, Gunner, and Marshall Supanik of Valley Grove, WV were the junior shooters this year. They are

very serious and competitive. Young shooters are what we need in this sport. Michael and Gunner are members of the Morgan County Youth group that practice at the club in spring and summer then compete at the Ohio State Shoot in June. Peggy Wise, local, won High Lady 92-100 (47-50 singles/45-50 hdp; ATA 26 yd). Veteran 70+ award was won by Gary Holmes shooting 94-100 (46-50 singles/48-50 hdp; ATA 23.5yd).

I've scheduled ATA registered shoots, which have been approved:

Saturday, April 23rd	Honor Shoot
Saturday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Champion of Champion
Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	State Shoot Warm-Up

We will have flyers printed for all Registered Shoots. If you're not on our automated list, the info to join is at the bottom of this letter. Flyers will also be on our website. We can use help!!

The Morgan County Youth Trapshooters (ages 9 thru 18) are sponsored by the club and have their practice sessions and meetings at the club. I talked to Jeff Bean, STCP coach for the club. He's making plans to start practicing soon. If you have someone interested, contact Jeff/Bonnie Bean at 740-255-6906. The young shooters learn gun safety while having fun shooting. They also can compete at the Ohio State Shoot with the other shooters on the team.

**Dates club will be closed on Saturdays (subject to change):**

May 14th	SE Zone Shoot – Marietta
June 4th	Buckeye Classic – Marengo
June 25th	Ohio State Shoot
August 20th	Cardinal Classic – Marengo

The Club Championship is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Hunters Sight-in will be Saturday & Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (weekend before deer season). Mark these dates on your calendar as we always need help on these days.

The website is [www.morgancountygunclub.com](http://www.morgancountygunclub.com). If you are interested in having updates sent to you automatically, please visit the club's webpage. Click on "Contact Us" located at the top of the page. Next, fill out the form with: "Your Name", "Email Address", in the "Subject Line" type "Club Update" and in the Message field type "Add Me". Upon completing the form please press "Send" to submit your request.

**2022 membership dues \$40 due April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Hope to see you soon. Call if you have a question.

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