



QSC Newsletter



The Quantico Shooting Club
Our 76th Year of Service to the Community

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Always check the Calendar before coming out for the day. The base can cancel or change activities with little notice. We update the Calendar with immediacy.

The QSC is accepting all categories of members. Check our [Membership page](#) for details.

CALENDAR

- March 16 / 17 – USPSA CRO Course
- March 22 – In-Person OIC/RSO Brief
- March 23 – Intro to Competitive Shooting
- March 30 – CMP Mil/Police Match
- March 31 – Easter - No Ranges
- April 5 - NEW - RSO Connect Course

The QSC is an all-volunteer organization only open on weekends. Our members, including the BoD and our RSOs, contribute their time for the benefit of the membership. Please understand we have real day jobs and make every attempt to be as responsive as possible.

Club News and Updates are also on the club's website, under the "News" Tab. While not as detailed as a Newsletter, it is updated frequently.

Work Party - The Spring Clean up is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th 2024, from 8am to Noon. We will be working to clean the clubhouse grounds and facilities, with an emphasis on the Shotgun Fields. Please use the link to sign up, you will have to provide your email address.
<https://signup.com/go/skOoERm>

Please arrive at 8 AM ready to work! The work party consists mostly of ground maintenance activities (i.e., grass trimming/cutting, tree cutting, raking and property clean up, etc.). Please bring gloves, leaf and garden rakes, shovels, hedge or brush trimmers, etc.

Member Appreciation - In conjunction with the work party, we will be hosting our spring BBQ at the clubhouse from 10am to 2pm, or when the food runs out! We will be cooking up some burgers and dogs along with chips, drinks and pickles, that's right pickles! Come on out and help us clean the grounds or stop by after enjoying a range day!

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Lost & Found - Items left on the ranges or turned in by members are brought to the Clubhouse where we store them until claimed. We dispose of unclaimed items after 60-days.

OIC & RSOs - Our ranges only open because of our volunteer safety officers. You see them every weekend opening and running ranges so our members can enjoy a safe range day. Strongly consider becoming an RSO to help so we keep the Club open and operating. See the "RSO" web page and our Newsletter's Chief RSO's Column.

EMTs & Range Operations - QSC follows all MCBQ safety regulations for range operations. This includes 2-3 RSOs per open range as well as an on-duty EMT stationed in the clubhouse.

Membership Accounts - Our administrators handle all member accounts. They are in the office from 8am to 3pm, Saturday and Sunday (when the ranges are open). They oversee new and renewal memberships, and other club functions.

Ranges - The QSC has weekend only access to the Calvin A. Lloyd range complex, located on the west side of the base.

Range 1 - A Recreational Fire range with a 21-position covered shoot house - Rifle, Pistol, shotgun and black powder out to 300m.

Ranges 2 & 3 - Structured Fire primarily for the rifle teams practicing for Camp Perry, etc. Courses of fire out to 600yds.

Range 4 - Precision Fire for rifles out to 1,035yds.

Ironman - A Recreational Fire range for rifle, pistol, shotguns and black powder to 450yds and with steel to 700yds in the tree line.

Small Arms Training Range - Four 35yd bays for pistols and competitions.

Shotgun - Multiple Skeet and Trap fields along with an International Trap Bunker.

Matches - We shoot matches to include Precision Rifle Series (rimfire and centerfire), USPSA, Steel Challenge, PCSL, Vintage Sniper, High Power and others as scheduled throughout the year.

Become an RSO and help us open a Recreational Fire range every weekend for our members!

Our annual elections have been completed and the BOD officers installed. This completes our transition to offsetting 2-year terms so we have continuity should major changes occur in the Board.

At the Annual Meeting, the members approved an updated dues structure that kept core membership fees stable, but adjusted the administrative and facilities fees for members. While a slight increase in some categories, there were reductions in cost for renewing members.

Our 2024 focus continues on infrastructure so we remain safe, but proactive to keep our buildings in good repair. MCBQ has no funding to assist so the QSC self-funds all improvements. We finished the inside of the clubhouse with the installation of a new gas heater and a complete replacement of all the electrical wiring. QSC obtained a new Conex for storage, High House 4 was finished after many months of repair for termite damage, and we completed the rebuild of the American Trap house. We will continue this year by trying to roof and side the clubhouse, insulate the attic and selectively repair the shotgun houses. Special thanks to Frank Pannell for completing the electrical rewiring, Roland Van Zuijlen for his carpentry skills and Bobby Mayer for his mechanical and electrical troubleshooting for our trap and skeet machines. We wouldn't be where we're at without the our many skilled members!

Our shotgun field director, Steve Austin, completed the installation of two new Laporte skeet machines, and oversaw the maintenance of the field 2 and American Trap machines. I'm happy to report Fields 1 & 2 are fully operational with new skeet machines! American trap will be opening soon, after we repair a motor issue.

Steve Austin is also kicking off a great new initiative, a Mentoring program for single Marines. QSC will pair an experienced shotgunner with a Marine and offers them (who probably do not have a weapon or access to one) a chance to learn skeet and trap while shooting one-on-one with their mentor.

We are exploring a Special Committee to determine the feasibility of investing stagnant funds to establish new, low risk, financial growth paths. If you are a financial planner or wish to assist, please let us know.

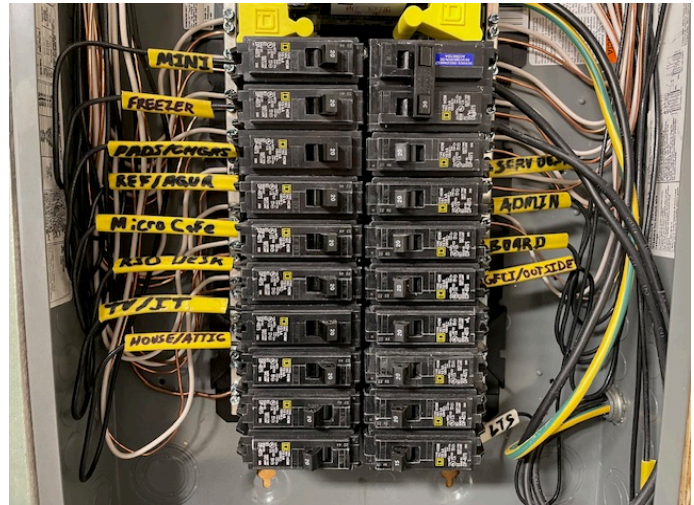
Thanks to Jay Hart who has been recycling range brass for us. Jay sorts all the returns (I did it once with him and it was brutal - live rounds, aluminum, steel, 22s, dirt, rocks, etc., etc.). This is new and additional revenue for the club that is some \$500+ monthly. We appreciate Jay's diligence starting this new revenue stream; any new monies assist in our "must pays" and towards keeping dues low.



With the assistance of Weapons Battalion, QSC was able to transfer a sea container from Ironman to the clubhouse. This will replace a badly deteriorating container we've used for 30 years.



The family of Lt Col Robert L. Whitney donated his shooting coat to the club. He was the club's President in 1957 and 1958, and the coat has some unique team patches even our tenured members had not seen before. The club had the jacket professionally framed and it is proudly displayed in the clubhouse.



Now that's how to do a nice electrical panel (above) and rebuild a trap house (below)!



We had a dead chestnut oak by the clubhouse removed. As you may know, the base cannot remove trees except in winter due to endangered bats nesting in the area once they migrate back to the base.



Our continued thanks to our volunteer RSOs. They truly are the lifeblood of the club as we cannot open any ranges without them. As you know, we strictly adhere to DoD / USMC range protocols to ensure safety for all members. This requires at least two RSOs (an OIC and RSO) or three if any want to shoot (an OIC and two RSOs). We combine that with a certified on-site EMT (with full EMT kit) available for immediate response. The QSC EMT provides basic life saving while the base paramedics respond.

RIMFIRE - Children between 8-12yrs are limited to .22 rimfire for safety reasons.

CHECKOUT - WTBN/S3/OOD now requires the completion of a new form at Checkout - Bring your reading glasses!

EMT RADIOS - The QSC EMT only requires one portable radio to monitor the Range Control net.

CRITICAL - MEMBER CARDS - RSOs must check every member's club card at time of registration. This is vital as our club's insurance covers active members only. If a non-or expired member shoots and is injured, the club could be liable and with no insurance blanket. The same applies for a guest pass, having one indicates the person signed a waiver and is insurance covered.

SIGNUP is the system of record for RSO Rewards. If you're not an RSO of record for a range in SignUp, you don't get credit.

ROLLOVERS - In order for any OIC / RSO to shoot, they must be "Off duty". This means you must rollover to a certified OIC or RSO. This is why we try to have three OIC / RSOs per range.

QSC RSO CONNECT - We will be trying a new concept for RSO communications, a monthly virtual meeting, "RSO Connect". These virtual calls are designed to update the RSO cadre on items of interest, policy changes, and general discussions on topics affecting the community. Range control and Weapons Battalion make frequent changes and these meetings will help spread the word so we act with consistency and within policy. The calls will be using MS Teams and allow people to simply dial in to attend. We will be advertising on the QSC Facebook Page and on the QSC Website's Calendar. The initial (test) session is scheduled for April 5, 2024, at 6pm.

RSO REWARDS - We offer our RSOs a no-fee membership - simply open 6 ranges during your year with one being Range 1, Ironman or Shotgun. There will be updates to this policy to ensure the rewards are fairly applied as well as covering our emerging needs, such as including working a match day to earn credit. Quite plainly, the issue we're having is a person holding a radio for 30-minutes during the shooting day is gaining the same credit as the RSOs opening, running, and closing the ranges over a 6-8hr day. We will publish a policy update soon.

RSO INCENTIVES - In combination with our reward of a free membership, we provide RSOs with distinctive safety equipment such as the coveted red Richardson 112 trucker's hat :) and red t-shirts so members can easily distinguish our RSOs. During member meetings we recognize top RSOs with other "prizes" such as electronic hearing protection, USB rechargeable flashlights, Leathermans, etc., as a way to say thanks to our volunteers. We recently started to offer RSOs working our matches lunch as it's difficult for them to be present all day with no breaks and we just added another offering in a QSC Yeti Tumbler.





Congratulations to Lt. Colonel Timothy Hichak! QSC attended Tim's recent promotion ceremony at WTBn. Tim was instrumental in starting many of our matches, ones that provided much needed funding for the majority of facility and match improvements we've enjoyed. Tim initiated the USPSA matches that were under served in this area. He became a certified NROI and major contributor to the success of USPSA Region 8. He continued with PRS Centerfire and was running matches until military orders moved him overseas.



Congratulations to GySgts Nick Bazzone and Jon Charles (pictured with retired Major Jim Land) for their second place win at the Annual Major Jim Land Sniper Competition. Major Land is the father of Marine Corps sniping and the competition (rightly) carries his name. QSC was honored to sponsor the shooters with ammunition when Marine funding was limited. We appreciate their shooting skills (on a brutally windy day) as well as our ability to give back to the MCBQ community.



Public Works completed a QSC work order to roll the parking lot and use millings to build the area level around the shotgun trailer. This leveling allows us to (now) easily back trailers delivering pallets of clays for the club.



A new propane heater was recently installed in the clubhouse to replace the 23yr old unit. The old unit was noisy and held up by drywall screws (yes, drywall screws). We had certified gas installers suggest a new unit and then conduct a proper sighting, fitting and installation. The new unit is more efficient and designed to offer years of quality service. This replacement represents a \$4,700 investment that was paid for using match proceeds.

THE MARKETPLACE

MEMBERS - Do you think QSC should offer a For Sale section here in the newsletter for members? While there is a section on the website, do you think this may be a value? Let us know by sending a reply to the staff mailbox please.