



QSC Newsletter



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

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The Club is on Facebook and Instagram.

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

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

MATCH & EVENT CALENDAR

This is a Match & Event Calendar Only. Weekend recreational fire ranges are only posted Thursday evening for the coming weekend.

- May 31- MCBQ OIC/RSO In-Person Brief
- May 31 - WTBn Rec Fire - Regular Members Only
- June 1 - PRS Rimfire
- June 1 - Intro to Competitive Shooting
- June 2 - Quantified Performance
- June 8 & 9 - USPSA
- June 21/22/23 - VA State High Power Championships

Member Meeting & Appreciation BBQ - July 27 - The semi-annual member meeting will be held in the WTBn Classroom (Bldg 27218) from 8am to 9am. Ranges are closed until after the meeting so plan on coming by to get updated on the club's health. The BBQ will start at 11am and run through 1pm at the clubhouse; stop by for a burger or a dog (or both). Thanks to member Vince for his generous BBQ donation!

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 - Special thanks to the members who volunteered to clean the grounds and shotgun fields on April 6th. The team dethatched the fields, raked the grounds, edged the shotgun field walkways, cleaned the inside of the houses and calibrated the throwing machines for the coming season. They also raked years of clay buildup so we could reduce those landing spots so the clays could properly decompose. We took over 15 Kubota loads of debris and clays to our dumping spot and the grounds now look amazing! Our thanks as we could not run this club without the sacrifice of our many volunteers!



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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 (only 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!

We have scheduled the next Member Meeting for July 27th at 8am in the Weapons Battalion training room in building 27218. The meeting will be our operations and financial update for the members, and a chance to interact with the Board to address questions or concerns, or to make suggestions. As always, we will close all ranges until the meeting concludes. Mark the date and participate!

We rescheduled the Member Appreciation BBQ several times due to the weather and range closures. The BBQ will be held on July 27th, after the Member Meeting. Enjoy a burger and hot dog courtesy of the membership!

The Board of Directors has approved an initiative to open a new revenue stream using Certificates of Deposit through our bank, BOA. We will report additional details in the July Member Meeting.

We have had 5 weekends of rain out of the last 6 weekends. As we enter summer, the weather will warm and we may find ourselves wishing the rains return! It is important, since many of our ranges are open, to bring everything you need for a successful range day to include: targets and stands, mats, and especially hydration, bugspray and sunscreen.

While the club employs a certified EMT (at the clubhouse), we are no longer under direction of the Naval Clinic and thus, have no medicines. So, please also bring any medications you may need, including auto injectors, Epipens, etc., as the QSC EMT no longer has those capabilities and treatment would be delayed until base Paramedics arrive.

We are seeking a member to serve as Treasurer, working as a member of the Board and with our CPA to ensure transparency and compliance. The requirements are not complex, rather than being a CPA, a good candidate will have a program manager's familiarity with Profit and Loss, as well as a detail orientated approach to oversight. The treasurer tracks receipts and expenditures, makes deposits, monitors disbursements, conducts monthly and annual account reconciliations and assess financial progress against the club's operating budget. This is a rewarding position that helps shape current and future operations to maintain solvency and keep the club moving forward! We estimate the duties take about 12hrs a month. Contact us at the staff mailbox if you'd like to assist by volunteering for this position.

We have two new programs we are excited to offer, a Shotgun Sports Mentorship Program (SSMP) and an Introduction to Competitive Shooting clinic. Board of Director member and Shotgun Field Director, Steve Austin, conceptualized the SSMP and then, working with the Quantico Injured Military Sportsmen Association and his shotgun crew, translated the concept to reality. We had our first SSMP in May and will continue this program to meet demands. Kevin Shannon, a Grand Master shooter, is hosting clinics to assist shooters with the basics of steel challenge and USPSA-like events. Check the Calender for dates for both events.



Range Maintenance Branch continues to upgrade Ranges 2, 3, & 4 with new communications systems to be used by the Marine to safely communicate across the firing line. The weather has slowed their schedule and QSC has shifted some of the Range 4 activities to Range 2. We hope the upgrades are completed soon and appreciate your patience as we work through closures.

Continuing thanks to member Jay Hart for being our brass whisperer. Jay added \$900 in brass sales in May which is an incredible new revenue stream! Jay has also served as a Match RSO on may occasions. Match revenue keeps the club running, dues low and allows investments in facilities and operations. The Board extends our special thanks to Jay for his efforts!

Lastly, please take the time to thank your RSOs. QSC can't open ranges without our volunteers and their continued dedication and sacrifices to ensure QSC maintains as active a schedule as possible! We wouldn't be as successful as we are without our RSOs.

We have had, in the past eight months, a noticeable increase in members showing interest in becoming a QSC Range Safety Officer. During this period, the following members have successfully completed USMC and QSC RSO Training for either new certification or renewal as a QSC OIC and/or RSO. We also have several more RSOs in process.

New Certifications

- Gary Stoker*
- Mark Stephens*
- Neil Whelden*
- Peter Barr*
- Vincent Pope*
- Charles Phillips*
- Alf Steinbech*
- John Stanojevic*
- Matt Sergent*
- Ganesh Shekhar*
- Ricky Gallaway*
- Krys Bonillas*
- Steve Hilley*
- Khalid Greaves*

Renewals

- Skip Booth*
- John Monaccio*
- James Morgan*
- Mike Caison*
- James Otto*
- Stephen Hurst*
- Kevin Roth*
- Spencer Doll*
- Jack Weber*
- Johathan Petrinitz*
- Joe Panano*
- Inocencio Orta*

We offer our RSOs a Club RSO Certification Card, an RSO hat and shirt. Please contact Kevin Roth to coordinate pickup at the clubhouse.

Please consider becoming an RSO by checking the RSO page on the website or contacting our Chief RSO, Kevin Roth at his club email address of: kevin.roth@quanticoshootingclub.com

RSO INCENTIVES - Within your annual membership period, you must open at least 6 ranges, with of 1 of those 6 a REC FIRE on Range 1, Ironman Range or Shotgun, or a Match, to be eligible for the RSO annual membership waiver/reward. SignUp is the system of record for RSO Rewards. If you're not signed up for a range in SignUp, you don't get credit. The Office Admins will use a report from SignUp to validate you reward.

ROLLING OVER AN OIC/RSO - In order for any OIC or RSO to shoot, they must be "Off duty". This means that you must rollover to a certified OIC or RSO. This is why we try to always have a minimum of 3 OIC/RSOs per range.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - The OIC for a confirmed range is responsible for sending Range Notes for the QSC Calendar NLT Thursday nights. We can then publish by Thursday evenings or Friday mornings.

SHOTGUN FIELD DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Much activity has occurred on the shotgun fields since early April. On 6 April, over 20 volunteers performed an annual clean-up and maintenance of the QSC grounds, shotgun fields and skeet house buildings. The work prepared the QSC for an active summer shooting season.

On 20 April, we hosted a contingent of British Royal Marines who visited QSC for a day of recreational skeet and trap shooting. The Royal Marines shared techniques with our shooters and all had a great morning and a bit of friendly competition.



Later the same day, QSC again hosted the Quantico Injured Military Sportsman Association for an afternoon of shotgun sports. QIMSA hosts a number of activities, such as hunts, fishing, outings and field days for those service members who were injured or maimed as a result of service to our nation. It continues to be QSC's honor to host these wounded warriors.



On 4 May, QSC began a Shotgun Sports Mentorship Program. This initiative supports the MCBQ junior enlisted community by pairing an experienced shooter with a novice military member. A generous donation of ammunition from members allowed each shooter to receive 50rds, enough for two full games. Participants were highly enthusiastic and QSC will continue to schedule regular SSMP events.



Looking ahead for later in 2024, skeet field 3 which is currently off-line, will have the 2 older "Duematic" machines installed. Re-purposing and re-calibrating those machines with a new EZ-Pull controller programmed for international skeet will add a new dimension in QSC's skeet shooting capability.

On the down-side, the international trap bunker's controller is inoperable. The supplier (Denmark) has advised us that it is irreparable and we need to purchase a new one at a minimal cost of between \$2,500 - \$5,000. The Board is researching options on the most reliable and cost efficient system to consider as this was not a 2024 budgeted cost.

All QSC members are invited to visit the skeet and trap ranges; especially if you've never done it before. It is a great social / interactive shooting experience with knowledgeable club members on-site who will help you get oriented on the fields and busting clays in a very short period of time. If you want a skeet or trap shooting tutorial, send an email to the staff mailbox and we will reply with requirements and a time schedule to get you going.

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.