



# Monocacy Pistol Club

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## NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2008

### JULY RETROSPECTIVE

**A GREAT LOSS** – We regret to inform that Mr. Randall Keepers, a member of MPC for many years, passed away on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Literacy Council of Frederick County, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701. The Club has made a donation of \$100 in his name. Our condolences to the Keepers family.

**RAFFLE** – We've kicked off a raffle with the objective of raising enough money to purchase new targets. The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is a \$500 Gift Certificate from Gun Runners, and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> prizes are \$140 Tournament Shooting Bags. We plan to mail the \$10 tickets to the Membership by August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. We ask that you support the Club and return your ticket stub with your \$10 donation. The drawing will be held at the October Membership meeting.

**COMMUNITY SPEAKERS** – We have confirmed several speakers for our monthly meetings. At this time, Mr. Chuck Crooks (SASS), Mr. Chris Conte (NRA-ILA), and our Frederick City Mayor William Holtzinger are confirmed. These speakers will provide valuable information on topics that affect our Club and our shooting community. As other speaker commitments are reached, we will publish the information via email, our website, and our Monthly Newsletter.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIRST COMMUNITY SPEAKER: CHUCKAROO** – It is with great pleasure that we announce that Mr. Chuck Crooks (aka Chuckaroo) will be speaking at our August 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting. Mr. Crooks will be speaking about the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) and the Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) sport. Mr. Crooks is a SASS Territorial Governor, and has many years of CAS experience. He will be delivering a 30 minute presentation on SASS and CAS, and how one may get started in the CAS sport. Please join us on August 19th, and enjoy what's sure to be a very interesting presentation.

**DNR OPEN HOUSE** – We have been invited to attend the Open House Activities of the Maryland Natural Resources Police, Echo Lake area. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 am, on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, at 2011 Monument Road, Myersville, MD. There will be various demonstrations, displays, pond fishing, and barbeque throughout the day. If you'd like to attend, please contact them at (301) 293-1940 or email at [nrp-west@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:nrp-west@dnr.state.md.us).

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As shooting activities get into high gear, July has been a hot and extremely busy month. As promised, below is our progress to-date towards our objectives.

**(1) Develop initiatives that have a wide appeal, and promote our shooting sport to a broader audience, including women, and our younger generation** – We have had a number of women join our Club, and we've seen a sharp increase in the number of young people at our matches.

**(2) Promote wider membership involvement in club activities, and encourage members to fill our thinning ranks of RSOs, Instructors, and Match Directors** – The RSO Standards and Operating Guidelines, RSO Team Assignments, and RSO Work Schedule are complete. They will be published during August. We are now beginning the same process with the Match Directors.

**(3) Develop closer associations with other shooting clubs so that we may share facilities improvement and maintenance ideas, and pool our resources and purchasing power to reduce costs** – We continue our efforts in this area. As other clubs are in their busy season, we anticipate more collaboration during the next few months.

**(4) Work closely within the Board and the Membership to facilitate the improvement of our facilities, expand the club's lines of communications, and extend the services we offer our members** – We're continuing long-term planning for range improvements, including improvements to the Pins and Steel ranges.

**(5) Actively promote our shooting services and matches, increasing membership and community awareness of available shooting classes and instruction, and matches that help develop better shooting skills** – We will be inviting Mr. Dan Neuland author of Today's Sportsman column in the Frederick News-Post to visit our facilities, learn about our services, and promote our Club.

**(6) Promote openness, trust, and respect in the manner in which we address our grievances and especially, how we remedy infractions within our Club** – We continue the process of clearly communicating responsibilities and expectations with the Match Director and RSO functions through broader collaboration and cooperation.

**(7) Extend our membership community to include influential political and business personalities, so that we may broaden the number of voices speaking on our behalf during uncertain times** – We have confirmed three Community Speakers including Mr. Chuck Crooks (SASS), Mr. Chris Conte (NRA-ILA), and Frederick City Mayor Mr. Holtzinger. Others are in the plans.

That's it – for now. I will continue to bring you monthly updates on our progress. I ask for your feedback, either by phone (301) 639-5650, or email at [President@monocacypistolclub.com](mailto:President@monocacypistolclub.com).

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lately, we have been seeing the same group of people at most of the Club matches. We would like to encourage more of you to come out and join the fun. Remember, even our top shooters had to begin sometime.

Each year we give awards to the top shooters in A, B and C classes. We do this so both the experienced shooter and those new to the sport may be recognized for their efforts and accomplishments.

We also have Stock and Unlimited classes for revolvers and semi-automatics. If you own a 22, we have matches just for you.

So, bring your pistol and come out and try one of the matches held almost every Saturday or Sunday. Everyone is friendly and helpful, and you are sure to have a good time.

Thank You, Jake Straits.

## TREASURER'S CORNER

As of today 8/06/08 we have \$8,849.90 available in our Checking account. This is the time of year when the funds used to run and maintain our Club start to run low. In an effort to generate funds we have begun a raffle, which we're starting to promote via email and this newsletter. Hopefully you will all participate.

For those of us who have responsibilities which leave us little time to make many matches or work days, the raffle is an easy way to make a contribution to the Club. The tickets are \$10 each and the money will be used for new targets. So, we all benefit. I would also like to thank the Match Directors who have made an effort to get Match funds to me in a timely fashion.

Have a great month.

Thank You, Greg Talamini.

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Starting this month, and over the next few months, I am going to write about the history of our Club.

The Monocacy Pistol Club was established on October 18th, 1957. The first Chairman was Charles Simpson when the Club was registered with the NRA and By-Laws were established. The dues were \$5.00 per year, and there were 25 members. The Officers were Mr. James Raughan, President; Charles Paugh, Vice President; Edward Despaux, Secretary/Treasurer; Emil Johnson, Executive Officer; and Charles Simpson, Chief Instructor.

The first Pistol League was established in December, 1957, and started in January, 1958. It was made up of four teams, including teams from Ft. Detrick, Sports Center, and Co "A". Leagues were first started as practice matches, and then evolved to include NRA matches.

That January, the club decided to hold a raffle to raise funds for Incorporation fees, and to establish a Treasury. Mr. Richard Keefer arranged to purchase a .38 caliber revolver for \$63.00, and 300 raffle tickets for \$19.50. The drawing was held at the April Membership meeting. The club raised \$216.25, and the winner was Mrs. Ruby Staley.

During that summer, the MPC used the Husky Park Range on Wednesdays and Fridays for their matches. During the winter, they held indoor matches on Fridays. That year, Mr. George Evans proposed that the Club arrange a permanent location for the range, which took another year to find.

The Monocacy Pistol Club was started with 25 members and gradually grew to 43 members that first year. Dues continued to be \$5.00, NRA fees were \$20.00. The club purchased targets and ammunition for both indoor and outdoor leagues. All members bought their ammunition from the Club, and contributed for targets. The Club purchased a stopwatch for \$13.00, and score sheets from the NRA. The Treasury started with \$72.35 in 1957 and a balance of \$111.99 at the end of 1958.

Thank You, Linda Newcomer.

## CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

**RSO Standards and Guidelines** – Have been completed and will be published this month. The task of aligning them with the Match Director Standards and Guidelines begins this month and will be completed by the end of September.

**Ready Position** – We continue to have inconsistencies in how some RSOs are enforcing the Ready Position during Matches. The Ready Position is officially defined as:

- Muzzle on the table and finger off the trigger;
- Revolvers – Double Action;
- Decockable Autos – Decocked;
- Other Autos – Finger off the trigger;
- 1911s – Safety On; and
- Glocks – Finger off the trigger.

**Range Maintenance** – We ask that members take an active role in grounds maintenance, especially as it involves mowing and trimming.

**Rules Violations** – We are aware of Members using the range outside hours of operation. These hours are terms in our Lease with the City. Violations could cause the Club to lose its Lease. Please observe the posted hours of operation.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

**A message from Linda Newcomer, our Bullseye and 1800 Match Director** – We are continuing to have a good turn out for our .22 League on Wednesday nights. I want to thank Mr. Doug Howell for helping to maintain the range grounds. He is also helping me out setting up the range for the League match. Thank You, Doug!

We will be having Harrisburg practice matches every Saturday in August at 10:00 am. Also, anyone planning to attend the Harrisburg match on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, please let me know as soon as possible.

Lastly, I have posted the Range Rules and Standards of Practice for Bullseye shooting on the bulletin board on the Bullseye range. Please read at your earliest convenience.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

The current membership stands at:

Regular Members:	210
Probationary Members:	29
Life Members:	5
Junior Members:	2
New Applications:	1
<b>Total Potential:</b>	<b>248</b>
Membership Availability:	6 Regular
	6 Junior

I would like to welcome the following New Members to the club: Charles Green, Mark Robin, Price Harvey, and Allyn Smith. If you have not already done so, please make every effort to attend the next New Member Briefing, scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm.

We regret that due to either not attending the New Member Briefing or Midterm Briefing in the required (and extended grace) period, the following Probationary Members have been terminated: Robert Barnes, Stephen Ferrone, Jeffrey Biggs, and Michael Power.

If a Probationary Member cannot meet their Probationary requirements in the prescribed time-frame – for any reason – then they must proactively make alternative arrangements with the CRSO. A Probationary Member is required to complete the New Member Briefing within forty-five days of joining, and the New Member Midterm Briefing at six months after joining. These requirements give the CRSO the opportunity to assess each Probationary Member's ability to safely handle a firearm, and that they don't pose a safety risk to themselves or to other shooters.

During the first week of September, I will send a *Reply-Requested* email message to all members who are currently in the Club's email database. If no reply is received by September 12<sup>th</sup>, I will assume that the email address in the database is incorrect, and will remove it. If you do not receive this email by September 6<sup>th</sup>, and wish to receive email from the Club, please contact me at membership@monocacypistolclub.com.

The Club Membership Renewals will be sent to all members during the first week of October. Regular members may renew their club membership at this time, assuming your annual Membership Renewal requirements have been met. Probationary members may renew upon successful completion of their one year Probationary period. If you do not receive an MPC Renewal Form by October 8<sup>th</sup>, please contact me, and I will send one to you immediately.

Lastly, twice within the past three weeks I have found members shooting at the Club on Sunday before 10:00 am. Based on our lease agreement with the City, our hours of operation on Sunday begin at 10:00 am. This is a violation that serves to upset our neighbors, who then – rightly so – complain to the City, our Landlord. Let's be good neighbors, and not invite a reprimand, or worse, from our Landlord.

Thank you, Steve Matlock.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

(1) The Executive Board meetings of the Monocacy Pistol Club are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Keller Williams office located at 7450B New Technology Way, Frederick, MD 21703. Members are welcome, but space is limited.

(2) The Membership meetings of the Monocacy Pistol Club are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Keller Williams office located at 7450B New Technology Way, Frederick, MD 21703.

(3) The New Member Briefings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm; and Midterm Briefings are held on the last Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm.

(4) There will be a Workday on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A list of the necessary maintenance and repairs will be posted by September 14<sup>th</sup>. The range will be closed during the Workday hours. We plan to have a Workday each month from September through December 2008.

## UPCOMING CLUB MATCHES

### August Match Schedule

- Bullseye – Each Wednesday; Relays at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Falling Steel, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am
- 1800 (Practice), Each Saturday at 10:00 am
- Critters, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Rimfire Steel, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- CAS, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon
- Speed Steel, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Lucky Seven Steel, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Revolver Steel, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am
- Three Stage Steel, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

### September Match Schedule

- **Workday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**
- Bullseye – Each Wednesday; Relays at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- PPC, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Great Wars Pistol, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am
- Falling Steel, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Critters, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Rimfire Steel, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- CAS, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon
- Speed Steel, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Revolver Steel, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Three Stage Steel, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

## CLASSIFIEDS

If you have any items you'd like to obtain, sell, or trade, please provide the following information to Mr. Steve Matlock via email.

- (1) Full description of the item for sale
- (2) A picture, if possible
- (3) Contact information
- (4) Your intent to comply with all applicable Federal and Maryland laws.

Firearms listed must be sold in compliance with all applicable Federal and Maryland laws. We assume no responsibilities for any sales.

## MENTIONS OF INTEREST

- (1) Silverado Gun Show, September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, Howard County Fairgrounds
- (2) The Nation's Gun Show, September 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> at the Dulles Expo Center