



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2008

APRIL AND MAY RETROSPECTIVE

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO) CLASS – With the support of Mr. Ben Kylkye and Mr. Ira Glick, we graduated 23 new RSOs from the class held on March 30th at the Frederick IWLA. Some of our recent graduates have already been running and assisting with matches. To our 23 new RSOs: Thank you, and welcome to our RSO ranks!

BULLSEYE HAS ARRIVED – The Bullseye season has started! The John Putnam Memorial .22 League offers two relays each Wednesday; the first relay starts at 6:00 pm and the 2nd relay at 7:00 pm. It's never too late to join, so please contact Linda Newcomer if you're interested in attending.

FIREARMS TRAINING – A number of classes were held during the months of April and May, including the NRA Basic Pistol for Women, the NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home, and the NRA Personal Protection Inside the Home. By all accounts, the classes held by Ms. Etta Saunders and Mr. Bob Loesch were nothing short of absolute success. Our sincerest gratitude to Etta and Bob, and the many who helped them, for their generosity and the professional manner in which they represent our Club.

2008 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – Our 2008 awards banquet was a phenomenal success. We had over 130 people in attendance, presented over 100 awards, and gave away over \$2,000 in door prizes – Jerry Holmes was our Grand Prize winner. We also presented three very special awards: the MPC Honorary Lifetime Member award to Congressman Roscoe Bartlett; the Lifetime Member award to Mr. George Bransom; and the MPC Belt Buckle award to Mr. Phil Serafinas. Our gratitude to all who attended, and special thanks to those who helped make it such a great success. It was an exciting and fun night!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB PR ON THE FREDERICK NEWS-POST – One of our new members, Mr. Bernhard Charlemagne, attended the Earl Zoeller Leadership Academy for hunter safety instructors, held in Garrett County and sponsored by the Maryland Hunter Education Program. While actively promoting our Club and giving away some Club hats at the conference, he met Mr. Dan Neuland, a FNP reporter and a veteran hunter safety instructor. As a result, Mr. Neuland has offered to visit our Club and write an article about us. Mr. Greg Talamini, our Treasurer and frequent FNP Opinion contributor, will be contacting Mr. Neuland to coordinate his visit. Mr. Neuland's story, titled "Today's Sportsman: State's hunter education instructors go to school," published April 27th, 2008, mentioning our Club may be found in the FNP Archives. Our thanks to Mr. Charlemagne for proactively promoting our Club at this event.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been an extremely busy period, and we've made a lot of progress. 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 – Ms. Etta Saunders and Mr. Bob Loesch taught the Women's Basic Pistol, Personal Protection Outside the Home, and the Personal Protection Inside the Home course in April and May. More courses are planned throughout the year.

(2) Promote wider membership involvement in club activities, and encourage members to fill our thinning ranks of RSOs, Instructors, and Match Directors – We have 23 new RSOs as a result of the IAWL-Frederick RSO class. We will be publishing an RSO work schedule to give these new RSOs the necessary experience to conduct matches, and be alternates to 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 worked with the Isaac Walton League to leverage their training facilities and instructors. We've also reached out to other Clubs regarding steel target choices, manufacturers, and vendors in an effort to pool our resources.

(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 completed building a ballistic fence on the berm between the PPC and Bullseye ranges. We've also begun the initial long-term planning for range maintenance, including improvements to the Pins range.

(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 – Our members are actively promoting our Club, our

facilities, and our services at relevant county events. We plan to more actively promote our classes to a broader audience.

(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 have started 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've extended Honorary Lifetime Membership to Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, and Honorary Membership to Frederick City Mayor William Holtzinger. As the Mayor was unable to attend our banquet this year, Mr. Chuck Jenkins, our County Sheriff, is coordinating the presentation at the Mayor's office – hopefully with some press coverage.

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 leo.e@comcast.net.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We presented over 100 awards during our Annual Awards Banquet, and we have awards for the following members:

Mark Ballard, Anthony Crook, Jeremy Gray, Tom Henderson, Jay MacCracken, David Ott, James Vogelien, Dave Hoover, and Nick Gal.

Please contact me either by phone (301) 371-7344, or email at straits7@verizon.net to make arrangements to get your awards.

Thank You, Jake Straits.

TREASURER'S CORNER

Just a note to thank all who attended the Awards Banquet. It was the largest turn out we have had. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. The food was good and the service was excellent. We have received many positive comments even from those of you who did not win a door prize. I personally wanted to win a range bag but lady luck didn't smile on me. I look forward to the rest of the year being as much fun shooting together. See you at the range.

On the financial side, the checking account currently has a balance of \$9,859.86, and we had income of \$522 during March and April. The CD statement for this current quarter has not been received. As of April, the CD amount had increased in value to \$18,710.17.

Thank You, Greg Talamini.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The approved meeting minutes for the March and April meetings will be posted on our web site starting in June. This will enable members unable to attend the meetings to be better informed regarding the Club's business.

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

We completed the wall on the berm between the PPC and Bullseye ranges. As a result, both ranges are now open for full operation. We would like to thank all those that helped complete the work; it was a lot of hard work. We'd like to especially thank Mr. Rick Fiore for all the power equipment he made available, which ultimately enabled us to complete the work in a fraction of the time. Thank you, Rick!

We plan to post the RSO work schedule this month. This schedule will enable newly graduated RSOs to gain the necessary experience to a) get reimbursement for their class fees; and b) to become potential alternates for Match Directors.

Lastly, thanks to Mr. Pat Vickers and Mr. Greg Talamini, we now have new tarps over the sitting areas in the Pins and Steel ranges.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

A message from Steve Matlock, our Three Stage Falling Steel Match Director – the TSFS match has not attracted the attendance anticipated. We will have another match in June, and likely eliminate the movement during each run if attendance doesn't improve. There will still be three stages of five targets each, with a reload between each stage, but everything will be shot from a stationary point.

A message from Linda Newcomer, our Bullseye Match Director – Spring has sprung and now is the time for all good and aspiring shooters to begin practice and competition at the John Putnam Memorial league. This year, the Bullseye matches started on Wednesday, May 7th. Everyone starts anew with the beginning of new shooting season. I encourage everyone with a .22 caliber handgun to come out on Wednesday evening and participate in our league matches. You will gradually improve your technique and scores, and have a lot of fun. This is a good way for new shooters to participate in matches without spending too much on ammunition.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The current membership stands at:

Regular Members	214
Junior Members	2
Life Members	5
Probationary Members	31
Total Potential	247

There are thirteen openings for new members, seven of which must be Junior Members.

I would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Paula Roberts, Tom Naugler, Robert Suggs, Dino Flores, Jean Manning, Nicholas Petti, Jack Banks, Stephen Ferrone, Dinesh Petil, Scott Patterson, and Eric Schaffer. If you have not already done so, please make every effort to attend the next New Member Briefing, scheduled for June 21st, at 2:00 pm.

Two weeks ago our Membership Database was damaged, and the recovery process did not yield 100% results. I need your help recovering some member information, including active duty offi-

cers exempt from the Match requirement, and members with health exemptions to the Work requirements. Please contact me if you fall into either of those two exemption categories. Please do not assume that I will remember your particulars from past discussions.

Although there is still much work to do, I hope to have the database restored to 100% completeness by the time renewal notices are mailed.

Thank you, Steve Matlock.

MEMBER QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

We encourage you to submit your feedback regarding club activities, range facilities, matches, safety, or any feedback you consider of substantive value to the membership. We will post your submissions, and any appropriate responses.

Please note that this area is **moderated** for the benefit of the club, and you may be asked to present your ideas in person before they are approved for publishing. Also, please be advised that submissions will be published at the Board's discretion.

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 Tech. Way, Frederick, MD 21703. 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 Tech. Way, Frederick, MD 21703.

(3) The New Member Briefings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm; and Mid-term Briefings are held on the last Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm.

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.

UPCOMING CLUB MATCHES

June Match Schedule

- Bullseye – Each Wednesday; First Relay at 6:00 pm, and the Second Relay at 7:00 pm
- Falling Steel, June 7th at 10:00 am
- 1800, June 7th and June 21st at 10:00 am
- Rimfire Steel, June 8th at 10:00 am
- Bowling Pins, June 14th at 10:00 am
- Lucky Seven Steel, June 15th at 10:00 am
- CAS, June 17th at 12:00 Noon
- Speed Steel, June 21st at 10:00 am
- Revolver Steel, June 22nd at 10:00 am
- Three Stage Steel, June 28th at 10:00 am

July Match Schedule

- Bullseye – Each Wednesday; First Relay at 6:00 pm, and the Second Relay at 7:00 pm
- Falling Steel, July 5th at 10:00 am
- 1800, July 12th and July 26th at 10:00 am
- Rimfire Steel, July 13th at 10:00 am
- CAS, July 15th at 12:00 Noon
- PPC, July 19th at 10:00 am
- Speed Steel, July 19th at 10:00 am
- Lucky Seven Steel, July 20th at 10:00 am
- Revolver Steel, July 26th at 10:00 am
- Three Stage Steel, July 27th at 10:00 am

MENTIONS OF INTEREST

- (1) Silverado Gun Show, June 7th and 8th, at the Carroll County Agriculture Ctr, Westminster;
- (2) The Nation's Gun Show, July 25th through 27th at the Dulles Expo Center