



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2008

SEPTEMBER RETROSPECTIVE

RAFFLE – As we head down the final stretch, our return on the raffle has been significantly less than we had anticipated. We are still approximately 42 members short of our 182 member participation goal. Only half of our members have chosen to participate in the raffle and make a contribution. We will hardly cover our raffle costs with this level of participation.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY SPEAKER: Frederick City Mayor Holtzinger – Our Frederick City Mayor attended our September 16th Membership Meeting. During the meeting, we presented Mayor Holtzinger with an Honorary Membership award for his ongoing support, and he answered a number of lease and planning related questions from those present. Thanks to all that attended, and thank you Mayor Holtzinger.

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER COMMUNITY SPEAKER: Mr. Chris Conte – We are proud to announce that Mr. Chris Conte is our confirmed speaker for the October 21st Membership Meeting. Mr. Conte is a long-time member of our Club, and a Legislative Counsel for the National Rifle Association (NRA) Institute for Legislative Action (ILA). He will be speaking and taking questions during a 30-minute session about the NRA-ILA and the many activities sparked by the latest Supreme Court decision (Heller) regarding our 2nd Amendment Rights.

RAFFLE – We will have the raffle drawing during our October 21st Membership Meeting. The 1st Prize is a \$500 Gift Certificate from Gun Runners, and the 2nd-4th prizes are \$140 Tournament Shooting Bags. We will have some raffle tickets available at the meeting for \$10 each. Please help your Club!

BOARD ELECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE – As we approach the end of the year, elections will be quickly upon us. This year, Mr. Jeremy Grey has graciously volunteered to steer our Nominating Committee. If you would like to serve as a member of our Executive Board, please submit your name and contact information to Mr. Grey at the email address (jeremygray2@mac.com), or to our regular mailing address listed on the letterhead above, c/o Mr. Jeremy Gray.

WEBSITE UPDATES – Our website administrator is back from traveling, and we will be working toward ensuring that all website updates are completed and that all website content is refreshed. We ask for your patience, and your feedback regarding any postings or content you feel is missing or incorrect.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we approach the beginning of membership renewal season, I'd like to provide you 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 seen a number of Junior members now introducing their friends to our Club and the shooting sport. Although they are accompanied by an adult member, I've seen how conscientiously they introduce their friends to shooting safety while promoting it as fun. They are great ambassadors.

(2) Promote wider membership involvement in club activities, and encourage members to fill our thinning ranks of RSOs, Instructors, and Match Directors – Many of our new RSOs are now actively involved in matches: doing safety briefings, conducting matches, and running the firing line. In fact, there's been a sharp increase in the number of Match Director now more actively socializing with shooters during the matches. Well, I guess this is a good thing.

(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 we as well as other clubs are preparing for our off-season facilities maintenance and equipment repair activities, we anticipate collaborating more closely during the next few months pooling 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 have requested that each Match Director submit an inventory of equipment, maintenance and range improvement needs. This will help to define workday projects, and budgetary requirements.

(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 have invited 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, and through the clarification and communication of uniform standards.

(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 – Our Monthly Community Speakers program is actively underway. In September we had Frederick City Mayor Mr. Holtzinger, and Mr. Chris Conte (NRA-ILA) is confirmed for October. Speakers for November and December are currently being confirmed.

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.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cold weather is on its way, so the last Pin Match for the year will be held in November and will resume in March. If you haven't had a chance to shoot this type of match, we encourage you to come out and have some fun with us; we'd like to see some more new faces. Remember, you must shoot at least one MPC Match each year to meet your membership requirements. Don't let your membership lapse.

Thank You, Jake Straits.

TREASURER'S CORNER

As of 10/2/08, our checking account has a balance of \$9,632.43. I'd like to thank all of you that chose to participate in our raffle and sent in your donations. Looking down the road we still have a lot to do improving our club.

We on the board really appreciate the turn out and support you all are providing. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the October Membership Meeting and the drawing for the range bags and the \$500.00 certificate to Gunrunners.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club.

Thank You, Greg Talamini.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Continuing from last month, a little more history about our Club.

During the period in which the Monocacy Pistol Club was being built, the Club's membership dropped off and the Club's activities became dormant. The club reorganized in 1978 with 19 members and the Club's main activity was the Junior Rifle competition. At that time, the Club owned four (4) rifles for the Junior club, and was looking into getting turning targets for the Bulls-eye range.

Our membership grew to around 75 members by 1980, with an established cap of 100 members. The dues were \$10.00. By 1983 the membership was growing and the cap was increased to 150 members, and the dues were increased to \$20.00. That cap remained until 1989, when it was increased to 210 members.

In 1986 we allowed security guard companies to use our range for training purposes. Our financial health grew and allowed us to improve our range facilities tremendously in a few years.

In 1993, the Cresap Rifle range was relocated to its present location, and the Frederick City Police Training facility was created. There were three (3) active shooting ranges on Plant Road when the Spring Ridge Development was started.

In 1994, the Pins range was built on its current location, and new fencing was installed to enclose it

off the road. The concrete wall between the Steel and the Pins range was built a few years later to enable shooting on both ranges simultaneously.

In 1997, we obtained our first five (5) year lease, and a number of sound abatement improvements were completed.

More to come next month.

Thank You, Linda Newcomer.

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

RSO Standards and Guidelines – Have been completed and will be published this month. I noticed a few things just before publishing them, and just completed making the necessary changes. The task of aligning them with the Match Director Standards and Guidelines begins this month and will be completed by the end of October, early November.

Range Maintenance – We will be conducting a Work Day on October 25th. There are a number of jobs to complete, including ongoing range maintenance. Please plan to attend. In addition, we ask that members take an active role in grounds maintenance, especially as it involves mowing and trimming, outside of scheduled work days.

Rules Violations – None observed nor reported this past month.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

A message from Linda Newcomer, our Bullseye and 1800 Match Director – We had a very active .22 league this year, which will conclude on October 15th. We had a great turn out each week and I want to thank you all for coming out and supporting the league.

Many of you have expressed interest in a .22 Winter League. As a result, we are planning to kick it off on November 30th at 1:00 pm. This will be a 60 round, .22 course of fire. We will be having only one relay, and we will hold the match every Sunday at 1:00 pm unless it is raining, snowing or icy, and as the weather permits. Hopefully, we will be able to shoot until early April, based on participation and interest.

We had a good turn out for the Harrisburg matches this past month. Our MPC Gold Team, comprised of Paul Stathis, Hiem Trang, George Codoley, Mark Wangel and myself took 2nd place in the centerfire event. Our MPC Silver Team, comprised of Al Barringer, Jerry Holmes, Doug Howell, Randy Rolls and Larry Fitzpatrick took the 3rd place in the rimfire event. We want to thank all of you for attending and shooting so well. We hope we can count on all of you again next year.

Please note that we won't be having anymore 1800 matches this year. They will resume next Spring.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The current membership stands at:

Regular Members:	215
Probationary Members:	26
Life Members:	5
Junior Members:	3
New Applications:	7
Total Potential:	256
Membership Availability:	6 Junior
Waiting List:	2 Regular

I would like to welcome the following new Members: Harry Thompson, Charles Green, and Dr. John Vitarello.

The following members have successfully completed the Probationary period, so are now full club members: Daniel Sycalik, Jason Ashmore, Nicholas Gal, Steve Marsh, and Doug Grabill.

Probationary Members have been sent new membership Cards. The new PROBATIONARY membership card has a distinctive watermark and the member's probationary term completion date.

All the 2009 Membership Renewal forms have been mailed. If you have not received one, please let me know and I will send one to you as soon as possible.

If there are any discrepancies with your name or contact information, please correct them. If a requirement was met but not indicated on the form, please make the necessary correction and provide the activity's (approximate) completion date.

Please don't forget to provide a copy of either your current NRA Membership card or the address label from your NRA magazine, and a copy of your current NRA certifications, if any.

Starting this year, you must sign the bottom of the Renewal form affirming that you have read, understand, and agree to comply with the MPC Range Rules. If the form is not signed, it will be returned to you, along with the renewal dues.

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.

(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 3rd 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 October 25th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A list of the necessary maintenance and repairs will be posted by October 21st. The range will be closed during the Workday hours.

UPCOMING CLUB MATCHES

October Match Schedule

- **Workday, October 25th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**
- Bullseye – Each Wednesday; Relays at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Falling Steel, October 4th, at 10:00 am
- Critters, October 5th, at 10:00 am
- Pins, October 5th, at 10:00 am
- Rimfire Steel, October 12th, at 10:00 am
- Speed Steel, October 18th, at 10:00 am
- Lucky Seven Steel, October 19th, at 10:00 am
- CAS, October 21st, at 12:00 Noon
- Revolver Steel, October 11th, at 10:00 am
- Three Stage Steel, October 26th, at 10:00 am

November Match Schedule

- **Workday, November 22nd, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**
- Winter Bullseye – November 30th, at 1:00 pm
- Falling Steel, November 1st, at 10:00 am
- Critters, November 2nd, at 10:00 am
- Pins, November 2nd, at 10:00 am
- Revolver Steel, November 8th, at 10:00 am
- Rimfire Steel, November 9th, at 10:00 am
- Speed Steel, November 15th, at 10:00 am
- Lucky Seven Steel, Nov. 16th, at 10:00 am
- CAS, November 18th, at 12:00 Noon
- Three Stage Steel, Nov. 23rd, 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, October 25th-26th, 2008, Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster MD
- (2) Silverado Gun Show, Nov 8th-9th, 2008, Frederick County Fairgrounds
- (3) Appalachian Promotions, November 15th-16th, Mason Dixon Auto Auction, Greencastle, PA, Off Exit 3 off I-81
- (4) The Nation's Gun Show, Nov. 21st-23rd, at the Dulles Expo Center