



MONOCACY PISTOL CLUB

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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2008

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION – We regret that Mr. DeWayne Veenhuis has decided to resign from his Board position as Chief Range Officer. Temporarily, Mr. Leo Escoto will be fulfilling these responsibilities until a suitable CRO candidate is found. We would like to thank Vee for his years of service on the Board, his many exceptional contributions to our Club in this capacity, and the care with which he fulfilled his duties.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO) CLASS – We are offering an RSO class on March 30th, at the Frederick IWLA. The class instructor is Mr. Ben Kylkye, and it will start promptly at 7:45 am, and end around 4:00 pm. The cost is \$35 per student. However, MPC will reimburse graduating RSOs the full fee once you have conducted or helped to run three (3) regular club matches. If you're interested in attending, please contact Leo Escoto via email at leo.e@comcast.net, or call at (301) 639-5650.

BULLSEYE AROUND THE CORNER – The Bullseye season will be starting in Spring. The John Putnam Memorial .22 League resumes in May, starting with the first Wednesday of May. The first relay starts at 6:00 pm and the 2nd relay at 7:00 pm. I am looking forward to seeing you all come out and support the league again this year. The first 1800 match is scheduled for April 12th at 10:00 am. Due to some necessary berm repairs, we will likely not be shooting at 50 yards. I will let you know at the match.

NRA BASIC PISTOL FOR WOMEN – We are hosting an NRA Certified Basic Pistol class geared towards women. The class is scheduled for April 18th (7:00 pm to 10:00 pm) and April 19th (9:00 am to 5:00 pm). All firearms and equipment will be provided. An NRA Certificate in Basic Pistol will be awarded upon successful completion. The costs are \$75 per student, and fees must be paid in advance. Please call Etta Saunders at (301) 990-0901 to sign up!

NRA PERSONAL PROTECTION OUTSIDE THE HOME – The IWLA-Rockville Chapter and Monocacy Pistol Club are co-hosting a new NRA Student as well as Instructor Certification class on Personal Protection Outside the Home. The Student class (\$125) will be offered over the weekend beginning Friday evening May 23rd, and all day Saturday and Sunday, May 24th and 25th. NRA Instructor (\$175) Candidates will also be required to attend Saturday morning, as well as all day Sunday and Monday. The fees must be paid in advance. Please call Etta Saunders at (301) 990-0901 to sign up!

PPC MATCHES ARE ON THE SCHEDULE – George Bransom has scheduled four PPC matches, which are available to club members and their guests. The matches will be held on May 10th, July 19th, August 16th, and September 13th. The matches will start at 10:00 am and run the full day. The costs are \$1 for members and \$5 for guests. Please contact George should you have any questions.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to start out this month's newsletter by thanking last year's retiring Board members for their many contributions and their devoted service to our Club and our membership. Thank You, George! Thank You, Tom! Thank You, Terri!

As we start anew, I would like to state the objectives that will guide our steps this year, and kick off this column with our progress to-date toward their achievement. Our objectives this year are –

(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 will be teaching the Women's Basic Pistol and Personal Protection Outside the Home classes, and Mr. Bob Loesch will be teaching the Personal Protection Inside the Home course (PPITH) throughout the months of April, May, and June.

(2) Promote wider membership involvement in club activities, and encourage members to fill our thinning ranks of RSOs, Instructors, and Match Directors – RSO class will be held on March 30th, and over 15 members will be attending. Three additional Match Directors have come forth to conduct Steel and Pin matches.

(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've reached out to the Isaac Walton League, and are leveraging their training facilities, instructors, and lead management planning experience.

(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 engaged in needed range repairs to the berm/fence between the PPC and Bullseye ranges. Long-term planning for range maintenance and improvements will begin in April.

(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 – Two new types of matches, including the Three Stage Falling Steel (Steve Matlock) and the Lucky Seven (Robert Orent), have been added to our match calendars for March and April.

(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 a spirit of accountability based on clearly communicated responsibilities and expectations at the Board level, and will soon follow in a similar spirit with the Match Director and RSO functions; the latter 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 – Pending action.

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

The date for this year's Awards Banquet is May 9th starting at 7:00 pm, at Martin's in Walkersville. We anticipate mailing the invitations by the second week of April. Those that have elected to receive email announcements, will receive their invitations via email. If you have not received an invitation by April 9th, please contact me.

This year the Board has voted to allot \$2,000 for door prizes. So expect to see more than just .22 caliber bullets given away.

Thank You, Jake Straits.

TREASURER'S CORNER

Thanks to the efforts of Howard Metz, MPC has purchased an ad supporting the Bar Association Art Auction Program. The money generated will go to The Arc of Frederick County, a very worthy charity. The ad will also run in the Bar Association news letter for three months. In addition Randy Rolls has once again donated his time on a trivial pursuit team, also sponsored by MPC, for the same charity. The Monocacy Pistol is proud to help The Arc of Frederick County and we thank our members for the support and time they have volunteered.

On the financial side, the checking account currently has a balance of \$19,748.96, which is mostly from renewals. The CD amount has increased in value to \$18,710.17.

Thank You, Greg Talamini.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

No significant message to include in this newsletter issue.

Thank You, Linda Newcomer.

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

I regret to inform you that Mr. DeWayne Veenhuis has decided to resign from his Board position as Chief Range Officer. I will be fulfilling these responsibilities until a suitable CRO candidate is found.

The two main items for this month's CRO column are the repairs to the berm between the PPC and Bullseye ranges, and the development of a lead management plan. During a routine inspection last month, it was noticed that the berm separating the PPC and Bullseye ranges is in need of repairs. Likely, we will need to erect a fence to safeguard shooters tending the 50 yard line Bullseye targets while there's shooter activity in the PPC range – specifically lane 15. Until we complete the repairs, the 50 yard line in the PPC range has been cordoned off. Please observe the OFF LIMITS posters, and do not cross into the cordoned-off area.

We'd like to schedule the most popular matches on a pre-set, recurring schedule, as below:

- Falling Steel - First Saturday of the month at 11:00 am (Merry Klinefelter/Greg Talamini)
- Rimfire Steel - Second Sunday of the month at 11:00 am (Phil Serafinas)
- Speed Steel - Third Saturday of the month at 11:00 am (Jimmy Renn)
- Lucky Seven Steel – Third Sunday of the month at 11:00 am (Robert Orent)
- Three Stage Steel - Fourth Sunday of the month at 11:00 am (Steve Matlock)

There have been two Three Stage Falling Steel matches so far this year. A couple of changes on how it is run and scored have been made. It has also been made revolver friendly, five targets per stage instead of six. So far all who have shot in it seem to like it.

Lastly, we've been working with an IWLA expert in lead management planning. We have taken further soil and water samples, which he will be interpreting and using as the basis for a set of recommendations. Once completed, we will develop a management plan for the management of lead on the range facilities. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The current membership stands at:

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| Regular Members | 228 |
| Junior Members | 3 |
| Life Members | 5 |
| New Applications | 4 |
| Total Potential | 240 |
| Availability | 20 |

I would like to welcome New Members Thomas Jenkins, Gerald Griffen, and Alfven Uy. Please don't forget to call the CRO to set up a time for your Initial Briefing.

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 not all 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) Basic Pistol for Women Class is scheduled for April 18th & 19th on the PPC range. Please contact Etta Saunders at (301) 990-0901 to enroll.

(4) Personal Protection Outside the Home Class is scheduled for May 24th through the 26th on the PPC range, with pre-qualification on Friday, May 23rd, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the Bullseye range. Please contact Etta Saunders at (301) 990-0901 to enroll.

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

March Match Schedule

- (1) Falling Steel, March 1st at 11:00 am
- (2) Rimfire Steel, March 9th at 11:00 am
- (3) Speed Steel, March 15th at 11:00 am
- (4) Lucky Seven Steel, March 16th at 11:00 am
- (5) CAS, March 18th at 12:00 Noon
- (6) Three Stage Steel, March 23rd at 11:00 am

April Match Schedule

- (1) Falling Steel, April 5th at 11:00 am
- (2) 1800 Match, April 12th and 26th at 10:00 am
- (3) Critters, April 12th at 10:00 am
- (4) Great Wars Pistols, April 12th at 11:00 am
- (5) CAS, April 15th at 12:00 Noon
- (6) Rimfire Steel, April 13th at 11:00 am
- (7) Speed Steel, April 19th at 11:00 am
- (8) Lucky Seven Steel, April 20th at 11:00 am
- (9) Three Stage Steel, April 27th at 11:00 am

MENTIONS OF INTEREST

Upcoming gun shows in the area.

- (1) April 5th and 6th at the Frederick Fairgrounds
- (2) April 11th through 13th at the Dulles Expo Center