



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2010

2010 Election Results – We held our annual Executive Board elections during the January Membership Meeting. The only contested post was that of Membership Chairman. The Board Members occupying uncontested posts were seated after a Motion was approved to seat them by proclamation. The membership then cast their votes for Membership Chairman, in person and by proxy, for Dave Chesher, Richard Fallin, and Rick Fiore. When the count was completed, Rick Fiore was seated as the new Membership Chairman. Welcome to the Board, Rick!

Membership Chairman Transition – Steve Matlock and Rick Fiore are currently working together to smoothly transition the Membership Chairman responsibilities. Given the many activities comprising this role, we anticipate the transition will be completed over the next few weeks. We appreciate your patience during this time. Thank you.

Match Cancellations – During the next two months, the weather may not be very shooter-friendly, so we ask all Match Directors to please post cancellations promptly, providing as much notice as possible. Match cancellations should be posted on the Club's online Calendar by contacting Jason Ashmore (crashmore@gmail.com), sent to the Membership via email by contacting Rick Fiore (hullhorr@yahoo.com), and posted on the Club's phone Notices by contacting Bryon Black (bryon@sbf-pc.com). Whenever inclement weather is in the forecast, Members should check the website Calendar, call the Club Notices number (301) 694-5469, or contact the Match Director to confirm whether or not the match will be conducted.

Awards Preparation – We will soon be contacting all the Match Directors to submit their match awards information to the Annual Banquet Awards Committee – namely, Mr. Jake Straits. This will enable us to submit our plaques order with sufficient lead time for the Annual Banquet. We ask that you complete compiling this information over the next thirty (30) days. Thank you!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We kicked off the New Year with our January 2010 Membership Meeting. Our Special Business for the meeting was electing an Executive Board for 2010. We had many Members in attendance to cast their votes, and many more chose to cast their votes, via Proxy. At the conclusion, we seated our new Membership Chairman, Mr. Rick Fiore.

Mr. Fiore will have his hands full, as we already anticipate having a Waiting List for Club Membership. We interpret this demand as a positive indicator of the progress we've made towards achieving our objectives.

This year, we have one significant range improvement objective planned: the repairs to our Pins range. Our Chief Range Officer will be announcing the plans and schedule for the repairs, which we anticipate to undertake in early spring.

Beginning with the March Newsletter, I will start to provide Quarterly updates on our progress towards achieving our objectives, which I outlined in the January 2010 Newsletter. We would appreciate your perspective and feedback regarding our progress on these objectives, and areas where you feel we may need further improvement.

That's it – for now. I will continue to bring you updates on our progress. I encourage you to contact me by phone (301) 639-5650, or email at President@monocacypistolclub.com with any feedback.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another year has come and gone. I would like to thank all Match Directors and Range Officers for the excellent job they did running matches this last year. We had the largest participation in matches we have ever had.

Speaking of matches, the Pin matches will resume the third Saturday of March.

We urge all Match Directors to please get your list of Award winners to me as soon as possible, so that I may begin working on the plaques for the Annual Banquet.

Hopefully, the Groundhog won't see his shadow and the weather will warm up soon, all the Snow will melt, and we can resume having all our regularly scheduled matches again.

I encourage you to contact me by phone (301) 371-7344, or email at jmstraits@verizon.net with any questions or feedback.

See you at the Range.

Thank you, Jake Straits

TREASURER'S CORNER

As most of you know, we have a 20-year lease, which is signed and in our hands. This last year was a very successful year for our Club. The turnout for matches, workdays, and range improvements was a testament to the dedication of our members, who pitched in making our Club the safest and most fun place to shoot.

Please remember to keep May 7th open for our Annual Awards Banquet. Last year, we hit our maximum capacity for the room at Martins in Walkersville, so plan ahead.

Our Club's financial standings are as follows:

- Income – \$4,491.00
- Expenses – \$8.95
- Pending Expenses – \$559.38
- Checking – \$26,036.27
- CD – \$15,000

I encourage you to contact me by phone (301) 846-0627, or email at gregtalamini@comcast.net with any questions or feedback.

See you at the Range.

Thank you, Greg Talamini

SECRETARY'S CORNER

This month we resume the History of the Monocacy Pistol Club. In 1997, we made necessary improvements to the Bullseye range for the sound abatement project. Following that we built the wall and the tower for the Multi-Purpose range. The continu-

ation of PPC matches and the development of Critter match, shooting was the purpose of this range.

Cowboy Action Shooting continued to develop in the Club thanks to the efforts of the Match Director Pete Graham, which has continued to this day.

We have continued to develop more types of matches with the goal of attracting more shooters. Most recently, we have launched the Lots of Steel Rimfire match.

We will continue to make improvements in each of the ranges to improve the quality of our matches and the safety of our shooters. We plan to make repairs to the Pins range this year.

The amended 20-year lease terms, will hopefully enable us to continue shooting at our Club for some time to come, and enable us to continue offering the shooting sport in Frederick and the State of Maryland. To accomplish this, we need our members to continue their support thru their participation in matches and other club activities.

Bullseye News

The Bullseye matches are over for the Winter. We will be resuming them in the Spring. The .22 League will resume the first Wednesday in May, so mark your calendars.

We had a great turnout during 2009 for the .22 League. The Bullseye range is available for anyone to shoot, as weather permits this Winter. I will make sure plenty of targets are available, but if at any time the targets need replenishing, please call me, or email me and I make arrangements to replenish them.

I encourage you to contact me by phone (301) 570-3987, or email at newcomerlk@verizon.net with any questions or feedback.

See you at the Range.

Thank you, Linda Newcomer.

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

Happy New Year to all! 2010 promises to be another busy year. I'd like to say thanks to Mr. Steve Matlock for his five (5) years of dedicated service to the

Club as our Membership Chairman. He's served in a very important and, at times, very trying position. Good luck to Rick Fiore as well! Glad to have you as the new Membership Chairman.

The New Member Safety Briefings have resumed. We're going to change it a little this year, and try to get everyone through the Safety Briefing before March. We held the first briefing on January 16th, and I was glad to see that almost everyone on the list made it. The next briefing will be on February 20th at 11:00 am. I hope to see those on the list that were unable to make our first Briefing! Of course, if you can't make it, please contact me and I will make alternate arrangements. Also, if you're a Regular members and want a review and get in some practice, please come out and join us. The Safety Briefings are open to everyone.

Workdays will begin again in the spring, so until then, please come out and participate in the matches!

There's not too much to report this month, but there is one thing to note. Please make sure that when you lock the gate that it is actually locked! Recently, I witnessed an interesting locking method that didn't quite make it. Someone had wrapped the chain around one side of the gate and locked the chain. However, the chain didn't secure the other half of the gate! Remember, you can use either the chain (and make sure that it goes around both halves of the gate), or lock the falling hasp that secures both halves together. Just a friendly reminder.

I encourage you to contact me by phone (240) 423-0953, or email at jeremygray2@mac.com with any questions or feedback.

Hope to see you all out on the range!

Thank you, Jeremy Gray.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The current MPC Membership standings are as follows:

Active Membership

- Regular – 205
- Life – 7
- Junior – 3
- Probationary – 35

Total Active Membership – 250

Potential Membership

- Adult – 0
- Junior – 2
- Waiting List – 8

I will have a more comprehensive report next month, as I am still in the process of transitioning into the Membership Chairman role.

I encourage you to contact me by phone (301) 748-0397, or email at hullhorr@yahoo.com with any questions or feedback.

Thank you, Rick Fiore

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

(1) 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. Members are welcome.

(2) The Executive Board meetings of the Monocacy Pistol Club are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. We are currently exploring location options, which will be announced when finalized.

UPCOMING CLUB MATCHES

February 2010

- Saturday, Feb 6th, 11:00 am – Falling Steel
- Sunday, Feb 7th, 11:00 am – Three Stage Steel
- Saturday, Feb 13th, 11:00 am – Speed Steel
- Sunday, Feb 14th, 10:00 am – Rimfire Steel
- Saturday, Feb 20th, 11:00am – New Member Briefing
- Saturday, Feb 27th, 11:00 am Cowboy Action
- Sunday, Feb 28th, 11:00 am – Revolver Steel

March 2010

- Saturday, Mar 6th, 11:00 am – Falling Steel
- Sunday, Mar 7th, 11:00 am – Three Stage Steel
- Tuesday, Mar 9th, 11:00 am – Cowboy (CAS)
- Saturday, Mar 13th, 10:00 am – Speed Steel
- Sunday, Mar 14th, 10:00 am – Rimfire Steel
- Saturday, Mar 20th, 11:00 am – Pins
- Sunday, Mar 21st, 11:00 am – Lucky Seven Steel
- Sunday, Mar 28th, 11:00 am – Revolver Steel

April 2010

- Saturday, Apr 3rd, 11:00 am – Falling Steel
- **Sunday, Apr 4th, Easter – RANGE CLOSED**
- Saturday, Apr 10th, 10:00 am – Speed Steel
- Sunday, Apr 11th, 10:00 am – Rimfire Steel (Pins Range)
- Tuesday, Apr 13th, 11:00 am Cowboy (CAS)
- Saturday, Apr 17th, 10:00 am – Pins
- Sunday, Apr 18th, 10:00 am – Lucky Seven Steel
- Sunday, Apr 25th, 10:00 am – Revolver Steel

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale – Ruger 77V, 22-250 Rifle, heavy barrel, with 4x12 Simmons scope; and sling, box, and papers. Shot very little and in excellent condition. Asking for \$700.00, or best offer. Please call Jake Straits at 301-371-7344.

MENTIONS OF INTEREST

- (1) Silverado Gun Show at the Show Place Arena at Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on February 20th and 21st, 2010.
- (2) The Nations Gun Show at Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Virginia on February 12th through the 14th, and April 23rd through the 25th, 2010.
- (3) Mason-Dixon Auto Auction Gun Show at Greencastle, Pennsylvania, on February 6th and 7th, 2010. Junction of I81 and Route 11.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

HB 52 Recognition of Out of State Permits: Maryland State Delegate Mike Smigel has introduced HB52, which would recognize permits from states contiguous to Maryland. This bill would allow those citizens with permits in PA, WV, VA or DE to safely transit the state border without surrendering their rights at the state line. The State of Maryland would benefit from the revenue that these people would bring to our state because the antiquated laws on self-defense currently discourage them from visiting.

These citizens with permits have already passed all of the requirements for a permit in the state of issuance, and there is no reason for them to not be entrusted with exercising their rights in Maryland.