



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2010

RETROSPECTIVE

2009: A Great Year for MPC – This has been a great year for our Club, and we have made great progress on our objectives. The results show in our increased level of Member involvement at Club events, the increased number of regular Guests applying for membership, and the general improvement in Club morale. Thank you all for your Support!

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Departing Membership Chairman – Having served as Membership Chairman in the past, I can tell you with all certainty that it is the most demanding and stressful role on the Executive Board; the MC hardly ever get recognition for their significant effort to ensure that our Membership Records are accurate and reflect our latest standings on our membership requirements, that the rules are applied uniformly for all Members, and that we are all represented fairly in membership decisions. I can also say with all certainty that no past Membership Chairman has done a better job than our own Mr. Steve Matlock. Steve has served us well for the past five (5) years, and has decided to take a break so that he may better focus on his new, very demanding role at work. Steve has set a very high bar for the MC position and we will miss his contributions on the Board, and very competent handling of the role. Thank you, Steve!

President

Leo Escoto, (301) 639-5650

Vice President

Jake Straits, (301) 371-7344

Treasurer

Greg Talamini, (301) 846-0627

Secretary

Linda Newcomer, (301) 570-3987

Chief Range Officer

Jeremy Gray, (240) 423-0953

Membership Chairman

Steve Matlock, (301) 874-0691

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2010 Executive Board Elections – It's that time of the year again, and elections are upon us. Three great candidates have come forth to fill the Membership Chairman vacancy, including Dave Chesher, Richard Fallin, and Rick Fiore. The present Officers are running for office again, including Leo Escoto for President, Jake Straits for Vice President, Greg Talamini for Treasurer, Linda Newcomer for Secretary, and Jeremy Gray for Chief Range Officer. We encourage all members to participate in the January elections and come cast your vote on Tuesday, January 19th.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On behalf of our Executive Board, I would like to thank each of you for your support and your commitment to our Club throughout 2009. It was absolutely one of our best years!

During 2009, we experienced record participation in a record number of matches, introducing many new Guest to our sport, and resulting in better-than-ever match revenues. We packed our Annual Banquet to maximum capacity, gave away many excellent door prizes, and presented more Awards than ever. Hosting guest speakers at our monthly meetings packed our summer sessions, resulting in only four (4) Members failing to meet their Meeting Requirement this year; our lowest number ever. And our Jim Moore match was hugely successful; thanks to the many Members that supported the event and ensured that all our Guests, which included many younglings, enjoyed great, safe fun.

With great Member feedback and support, we accomplished a critical restructuring of how we manage our Club's finances. We established Budget Accounts that will be funded annually to at least minimum funding thresholds, to ensure that our fees and typical annual revenues are in healthy alignment with our Club's financial needs. This budget framework will guide future Boards and enable us to sustain our finances for the long-term.

And lastly, former Mayor Holtzinger amended the terms of our Club lease and changed them from a five (5) year lease to a 20 year lease, automatically renewable every five (5) years. The amended lease represents a longer term commitment from the City of Frederick, and a parting gift from Honorary MPC Member Mayor Holtzinger.

Lastly, two years ago, we set out to accomplish six (6) key objectives to improve the quality of the Services we provide at our Club, as below:

(1) Develop initiatives that have a wide appeal, and promote our shooting sport to a broader audience, including women, and our younger generation.

(2) Promote wider membership involvement in club activities, and encourage members to fill our thinning ranks of RSOs, Instructors, and Match Directors.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) Promote openness, trust, and respect in the manner in which we address our grievances and especially, how we remedy infractions within our Club.

(6) 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 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

December is here again and Bowling Pin matches are over for the year. Pin matches will resume the 3rd Saturday of March. We had 33 shooters for the November match. This is the largest number of any previous matches.

I would like to thank Steve Connolly and Susie Bears for their help running the Pin matches. I could not have done it without their help.

I have some news which will affect each MPC member. On Sunday Dec. 6th, I was asked by Leo Escoto to go to Frederick City Hall to meet with Mrs. Arnold about our lease. Mrs. Arnold was not in so I met with Mr. Timothy Beall. Fearing the worse I asked Mr. Beall what this was all about. He informed me that Mayor Jeff Holtzinger and the Alderman, wanted to extend our lease from 5 year renewal to a 20 year lease with automatic 5 years renewals. I promptly signed the new lease.

Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have received the new lease signed by Mayor Holtzinger. This is really great news!

Thank you, Jake Straits

TREASURER'S CORNER

Our Checking balance as of December 15th, 2009, is \$18,614.20. The Certificate of Deposit is unchanged, with a balance of \$15,000.00.

Thank you, Greg Talamini

SECRETARY'S CORNER

I have resumed doing the newsletter. I will be including a classified section for any one that wants to advertise shooting equipment for sale. I will also be resuming my history column next month.

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 turn out in 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.

Thank you, Linda Newcomer.

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

Well, 2009 has passed us by and 2010 is here! Unbelievable that time moves so fast. We've had a great 2009 season at Monocacy Pistol Club and a safe one to boot! For that, I thank each and every one of you.

This past year, we've had lots of fun. We experienced plenty of matches and workdays with incredible participation from members and guests. I think the club looks better than it ever has and next year promises more sweat, blood and tears to improve it some more!

We've added a couple of new matches, thanks to member input and support. We now have a .22 Lots of Steel match, and a 'Match Seminar', both of which have been popular. Thanks to Pat Vickers and Doug Howell and the rest of the crew who have been running those matches.

In 2010, we will have a mandatory RSO meeting to address safety on the range, to air any questions, and to address any concerns that have come up. The date and location are being considered and will be announced, so if you are an RSO, make sure you keep an ear out.

We will also have a Match Director meeting. Again, the date and time will be announced later, once we figure out the logistics.

The Treasurer has been ensuring that the worn out targets are getting replaced or repaired, as necessary, and has also been instrumental in procuring new, more interesting targets for matches. As funds permit, we will introduce new targets throughout the year.

As far as matches go, MPC ran almost a hundred matches this year and we saw incredible member participation. It was good to see so many regular shooters and so many guests out on the range enjoying our sport (safely). Let's try to do as well, or better, next year.

I would like to extend a thank you to Doug Howell, my Deputy CRSO, who has been one of the main persons responsible for keeping the range landscaping in check, and has put in many hours with the weed trimmer and lawnmower. Thank you, Doug. Glad you volunteered? Wait 'till you see what I have in store for you next year!

Again, thanks for everyone's support and participation throughout the year. One additional note for new members, the 'New Member' safety briefings will begin in January. I've added January 16th and February 20th at 11:00 am to the calendar as our first ones this year. As the year rolls by, and Pins matches start up again, we'll add the briefings as necessary and change the time to 1:00 pm.

Happy New Year to all!

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 – 27

Total Active Membership – 242

Potential Membership

- Adult – 16
- Junior – 2
- Waiting List – 26

Of those eligible to renew, 25 members have not sent in the Club's Renewal Form or dues. A Final Notice was mailed to these members on December 31st, 2009. We will assume that they do not wish to renew their membership, unless the forms and dues are received by January 15th, 2010.

So far this year the Club has lost 26 of its members through resignations, non-completion of yearly membership requirements, and not successfully completing the terms of Probation.

I would like to welcome Gordon Ainsworth and Bryan Smith as new members. Please remember to contact our CRO Jeremy Grey to participate in the New Member's Indoctrination.

This will be my fifth and final year as the club's Membership Chairman and Board Member. I would like to thank all of those on the current and previous MPC Boards and the membership as a whole, for all of the support, cooperation, and especially the generous patience given throughout. I intend to work with the incoming Membership Chairman to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.

I hope to see you all at the range and meetings,

Thank you, Steve Matlock

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

January 2010

- Sunday, Jan 3rd, 11:00 am – Three Stage Steel
- Saturday, Jan 9th, 11:00 am – Speed Steel
- Sunday, Jan 10th, 10:00 am – Rimfire Steel
- Saturday, Jan 16th, 11:00 am – New Member Briefing
- Saturday, Jan 23rd, 11:00 am – Cowboy Action
- Sunday, Jan 24th, 11:00 am – Revolver Steel

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

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.