



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010

Jim Moore Family Day – We had a wonderful time during our Annual Jim Moore Family Day, which was held on Saturday, August 28th. We were fortunate to have great weather for the crowd of roughly 40 participants. We would like to offer our most sincere appreciation to George Bransom for coordinating the event, and the twenty plus members that manicured and prepared the ranges, manned the matches, prepared the food, and helped to clean up. Your efforts and generosity with your time helped to make the event a huge success. We will be reserving the last Saturday in August each year to conduct the Jim Moore Family Day.

Junior Membership Program – We presented the final definition and guidelines for our Junior Membership Program during the August Regular Membership meeting. The Junior Membership Program was voted into existence and incorporated into our By-Laws in 2004, during Jake Straits' Club Presidency. During the August Membership Meeting, we formalized the detailed guidelines that define the program, and the participating membership unanimously voted to adopt these guidelines. The adopted Junior Membership Guidelines are included in this month's Membership Chairman's column.

Membership Cap Raised – To coincide with the Junior Membership Program's detailed guidelines adoption, we also raised the membership cap to position it for future success. Instead of continuing to borrow from the Regular Membership slots, we raised the overall membership cap and reserved twenty (20) permanent slots specifically for the Junior Membership Program.

Pins Range Repairs – The Pins Range repairs are scheduled to occur in October 2010. We will be completing the repair in several stages. I ask that you please support our repair efforts and reach out to Mr. Jeremy Gray and offer your assistance. Please refer to the CRSO's column for details.

RSO Clinics – As part of our efforts to standardize the manner in which all our RSOs enforce our Range Rules, Mr. DeWayne Veenhuis will be conducting the initial set of RSO Clinic sessions this October, and a follow-up set of sessions in November. We urge you to get involved, and attend one of the clinics. Please reach out to Mr. Jeremy Gray and let him know which clinic you will be attending.

A message from Chuck Jenkins – Our esteemed Sheriff and long-time member, Chuck Jenkins, would like to thank everyone in the Club for their support during his tenure as Sheriff and during his reelection campaign. In appreciation, Sheriff Jenkins would like to invite Club Members to attend his Election Night celebration on November 2nd, at the Lewistown Fire Hall. Please stop by and celebrate Chuck's unopposed victory.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We completed two important actions this month, which were unanimously approved by the Members present at our August 2010 Regular Membership meeting: We finalized the detailed guidelines defining our MPC Junior Membership Program; and we increased our Club membership cap to 280 members. The cap now includes 260 slots reserved for Regular Members, and 20 slots reserved for Junior Members.

We have also made great progress toward standardizing the RSO role in our Club, and the manner in which our RSOs enforce our Range Rules. Mr. Dewayne Veenhuis volunteered to develop a Range Safety Officer Clinic to address these two important actions. As part of this effort, Mr. Veenhuis will be working with the Match Directors to standardize the contents of our Match Safety Briefings to ensure that they uniformly follow our Range Rules. Once they are completed, Mr. Veenhuis will use them to run Clinic sessions for each type of match we regularly conduct. This will introduce more RSOs to different types of Club matches, and enable us to standardize the manner in which our RSOs enforce our Range Rules, and execute their responsibilities.

Please extend Mr. Veenhuis your full support as he works to complete this very important task. If you would like to help him, please call or send an email to our Membership Chairman, and he will put you in touch with Mr. Veenhuis.

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

The construction and improvements to the Pins Range is now scheduled for three weeks in October. Therefore, the October Pin Match will be cancelled. The final Pin Match of the year will be held the third Saturday in November at 10:00 am.

Pin Matches are not held in December, January and February due to the cold temperatures and freezing of the pins, which causes them to shatter when hit by bullets. Remember, you must shoot at least three

matches in order to qualify for an award at the banquet. If you need the third match to qualify, please plan to be at the November Pin Match. The new season for Pin Matches will begin the third Saturday in March. Hope to see you there.

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

Thank you, Jake Straits

TREASURER'S CORNER

This month we incurred expenses of \$283.26, and had income of \$405.00. At present, our checking balance stands at \$19,234.26. Once I receive the bank statement for the CD, I will report on its present balance.

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

Thank you, Greg Talamini

SECRETARY'S CORNER

We continue to have a great turn out for our .22 League this summer despite how hot it has been. The hot spell has broken and nice weather is back with us. We have one more month for the league. Our last night should be about October 20th, unless we need to have a shoot off.

The 1800 matches will probably continue until the end of November, unless bad weather comes early. We had a fairly good turnout for the Harrisburg Match. I think everyone had a good time. Our five (5) person team won two (2) trophies this year.

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

Thank you, Linda Newcomer

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

Greetings! The summer is slipping on by quickly; I can't believe that we are already at the end of it. An autumnal workday will be scheduled soon, so please be on the lookout for it.

Speaking of work, I know that there have been inquiries regarding the Pin range improvements. I can now say that we are going to begin work on the Pin range on October 15th. Therefore, from October 15th until the improvements are complete, the Pin range will be closed. The steel range will be open during this time. I will send out a message when everything is back to working condition.

With that being said, I ask everyone to be patient. The improvements will take place in two phases. The first phase will involve building a retaining wall and installing the appropriate drainage. The second phase will involve building a 'bullet trap' to increase the safety of the range. A bullet trap is necessary because without one, over time, lead will build up in the wall and cause excessive splatter and ricochets, which would result in unsafe conditions for shooters and spectators. The bullet trap will be a simple design; essentially a piece of ordnance grade steel secured to the retaining wall at a sufficient angle to deflect rounds down into a sand trap. Periodically, this sand trap can be mined for lead.

I anticipate these improvements taking approximately three (3) weeks to implement. However, for any of you who are familiar with construction, unforeseen things may happen and it could take longer. I apologize in advance for any inconveniences these repairs may cause and for the disruption of the October (and possibly the November) Pins matches. I know that it is a popular match, but because of the scheduling, it will have to be cancelled during that period.

As far as volunteers for this evolution, I am asking for two people who are in good shape, have a working knowledge of construction and are willing to work both the 16th and the 17th of October. I know this may seem unfair, but as most of the work will be mechanical in nature, for phase one the fewer people, the better. If you are interested, please let me know.

For the second phase, building the bullet trap, I will need a welder and some strong backs. When I have the plan finalized for phase two, I will send out a request for membership volunteers. I anticipate needing more volunteers for phase two, as it will involve more hand digging and lifting of heavy objects (sand and steel) and some welding and bolting.

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

Thank you, Jeremy Gray.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The current MPC Membership standings are as follows:

Active Membership:

- Regular – 224
- Life – 7
- Junior – 3
- Probationary – 28
- Total Active Membership: 262

Potential Membership:

- Junior – 8 openings
- Wait List – 5

It is that time of year when you need to complete your membership renewal requirements, which must be completed by December 31st, 2010, or you will be ineligible for membership renewal. When you receive your renewal notice, it will identify which requirements have been met or not. Please do not wait until the last moment to address outstanding requirements.

Also, don't forget to include a copy of your active NRA membership card, INCLUDING AN EXPIRATION DATE, or the label from your NRA magazine – you must include this to qualify for renewal. Please note that the NRA sends out some membership cards without an expiration date, so please do not send me one of those. If your NRA membership expired during the course of this year, please renew it now; preferably through our website. You can renew from the MPC website. Life members do not need to submit this requirement.

For those of you with a Comcast e-mail address, please note that Comcast is blocking the e-mails I send out as Spam. I am working to try and get Comcast to allow them to go through, but if you have an alternate e-mail it might not hurt to send it to me so I can switch it in the database. Yahoo, Google, Hotmail and others offer free e-mail.

The following guidelines define the Monocacy Pistol Club Junior Membership Program, as approved by a unanimous membership vote during the August 2010 Regular Membership Meeting.

- a) The minimum age for a Junior Member is 12.
- b) The maximum age for a Junior Member is 21.
- c) At age 21, Junior members –
 - Become Probationary members for one (1) year.
 - Must successfully complete their one (1) year probationary period before they may be considered for Regular membership.
- d) Junior members that are eligible for Regular membership will be placed at the top of the Waiting List when a Regular member opening is not immediately available.
- e) Junior members do not have a work requirement, but they are encouraged to participate in work days.
- f) Junior members are required to compete in one (1) regularly scheduled match per year.
- g) Junior members are required to attend one (1) membership meeting per year.
- h) Junior members must be sponsored by a Parent or Relative that is also a Regular member in good standing.
- i) Junior members must be accompanied by a Regular member at all times while using the Club facilities.
- j) Junior members are eligible for match awards at the annual banquet.
- k) The cap for Junior membership is set at twenty (20) members.
- l) Junior members must be members of the NRA.
- m) The Junior Member annual membership fee is \$10 per year, and their Initiation Fee is waived.

These guidelines are effective September 1st, 2010.

I encourage you to contact me by phone (301) 748-0397, or e-mail 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. Please call the Membership Chairman if you would like to attend a Board Meeting, and he will provide you with the address, and add you in the agenda.

UPCOMING CLUB MATCHES

October 2010

- October 2nd 10:00 am, Falling steel
- October 3rd 10:00 am, Critter Match
- October 3rd 10:00 am, Three Stage Steel
- October 6th 6:00 and 7:00 pm, Bullseye League
- October 9th 10:00 am, 1800 match
- October 9th 10:00 am, Speed Steel
- October 10th 10:00 am, Rimfire Steel
- October 12th 11:00 am, CAS
- October 13th 6:00 and 7:00 pm, Bullseye League
- October 16th 10:00 am, NRA PPC Match
- October 17th 10:00 am, Lucky 7
- October 17th 10:00 am, NRA PPC Match
- October 17th 1:00 pm, Rimfire Lots of Steel
- October 20th 6:00 and 7:00 pm, Bullseye League
- October 24th 10:00 am, Revolver Match
- October 27th 6:00 and 7:00 pm, Bullseye League

November 2010

- November 6th 10:00 am, Falling Steel
- November 7th 10:00 am, Critter Match
- November 7th 10:00 am, Three Stage Steel
- November 9th 11:00 am, CAS
- November 13th 10:00 am Speed Steel
- November 14th 10:00 am, Rimfire Steel
- November 20th 10:00 am, Pins Match
- November 20th 10:00 am, 1800 Match
- November 21st 10:00 am, Lucky 7 Match
- November 21st 1:00 pm, Rimfire Lots of Steel
- November 28th 10:00 am, Revolver Match

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale – by Jay MacCracken:

Four (4) Complete STI 2011 Magazines, (2) 140 and (2) 170 all four for \$150.00;

Shooting Chrony, Model F-1 Chronograph with Ballistic Printer and tripod, asking \$75.00 or best offer, comes with all boxes manuals and power cords;

Pact Club Timer 3 \$50.00 or best offer. Please email me at jaymacc@comcast.net if you're interested or would like some photos.

For Sale – by Bob Loesch:

320 rds of Wolf 9 mm Luger, 115 gr FMJ, Berdan Primed, asking \$40;

320 rds of Wolf 7.62x 39 mm, 122 gr HP, Berdan Primed, asking \$40;

40 rds of Wolf 7.62x 9 mm, 122 gr SP, Berdan Primed, asking \$10;

840 rds of Wolf .223 Rem, 62 gr HP, Boxer Primed, asking \$125;

500 rds of B Bear .223 Rem, 62 gr HP, Boxer Primed, asking \$80.

If anyone is interested, please contact me at bob@loeschs.com.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Right to Carry

Frederick County Commissioner Blaine Young is using his first year of legislative package deliberations to propose dramatic changes to state right to carry law. Young, a member of the Monocacy Pistol Club, proposes shifting the responsibility to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for local applications. Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, a Republican who is running unopposed, is in support of the proposal.

Jenkins said that the sheriff's office has the ability to conduct the same background investigations as state police. He does not believe it would be a burden to his office, based on statewide application numbers. Jenkins said the Maryland State Police have regulations that limit the ability to get a permit. "Who knows their citizens better than the sheriff?" Jenkins asked. He is also advocating for other changes to the law, for instance making right-to-carry a "shall issue" permit, rather than a "may issue" one.