



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER – JULY 2010

Sherriff Jenkins – We would like to thank our esteemed Sherriff Chuck Jenkins for being our Guest Speaker during the May Membership meeting. Chuck provided great insight into the highly controversial Arizona immigration law and some of its implications, and the status of his efforts to enforce Federal immigration laws in Frederick County. It was a great session. Thank You, Chuck!

Sportsman Council Symposium – We participated in this year's Frederick County Sportsman's Council Symposium, which is held annually to promote the shooting sport, local shooting clubs, and their activities. This year, it was held at the Thurmont Sportsman's Club during a very, very hot day, and several Members endured the day's heat to staff our booth. Please see the Vice President's Column for details. We extend a hearty thanks to the Members that participated to promote our Club.

Member Awareness – As we succeed in attracting more women to our shooting sport and participate in our Club activities, it is important that we consider their sensitivities and curb some of our past practices. We address this subject in this month's President's Column.

Airing Grievances and Concerns – It has been suggested that our Members don't have clear avenues to express concerns or air their grievances. We feel that the Executive Board presents many opportunities for Members to communicate concerns and grievances, so we address this topic in this month's President Column.

RSO Mentoring Program – Our Chief Range Safety Officer has been busy pulling together a program to help advance the quality and effectiveness of our Range Safety Officers. Please see this month's Chief Range Officer's Column for details, and to understand how you may help.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'd like to devote my column this month to two very important subjects: airing our grievances, and being mindful of our female members.

I recently had a discussion with a member who felt that Members don't have a venue by which to air their grievances or concerns, and for the Board to address them. I feel that our Board is fully accessible and, when relevant issues are raised, makes every effort to facilitate their resolution with our Membership's active involvement and awareness.

In terms of venues, we provide a number of ways by which a Member may air their grievances, including:

- (1) The monthly Board meeting;
- (2) The monthly Membership meeting;
- (3) Electronic mail;
- (4) Regular mail; and
- (5) Board member telephone.

The dates and times for each Board and Membership meeting are published on our website and in our monthly newsletter. It is every member's right to attend any of these meetings, and raise any item for inclusion in our agenda as New Business. In fact, requesting additions to our agenda is part of every meeting.

In addition, a Member may write any Board member via email or regular mail. Our Club's address is on each Newsletter and is posted on our website, and each individual Board member's email address is on the website. This method of contact is very effective, as it gives our Board members more flexibility to respond in a manner more sympathetic to their work schedule.

Lastly, Board members may be reached directly on their telephone, and their telephone number is published on the monthly Newsletter. Given people's family commitments and busy work schedules, persistence is important. We make every effort to return calls in a timely fashion, but if you leave a message such as "Nothing urgent, just call me if you have a chance," it may just fall through the priority cracks. We will strive to return your calls within 48 hours, and we ask that you leave us a detailed message, and whether or not a return call is necessary.

In conclusion, I feel that we provide many ways in which a Member may express relevant grievances and Club-related concerns. When airing grievances or expressing concerns, we ask that it is done in a considerate, mature, and respectful manner. In addition, we ask that you contribute potential solutions, and be willing to become an active participant in the resolution.

If you feel that there are ways in which we may improve our communications and accessibility, we would appreciate your feedback and ideas.

The other very important topic I would like to address is being mindful of our female members and guests. It has been a long-standing Club goal to increase the number of women actively participating in our Club, and in the shooting sport. Now that we have succeeded increasing our female membership and guest numbers, we need to adapt our old practices to be more consistent with our new membership demographics. It is our individual, personal responsibility to be much more aware of their presence and their sensitivities, and act accordingly respectful.

We ask every member to please be mindful of women shooters, and watch your language and your remarks while at the range.

If there are other actions that we may take to make our environment more female-friendly, please give us your feedback and ideas.

We would appreciate your perspective and feedback regarding our progress, 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

On Sunday, May 30, 2010, the Frederick County Sportsman's Council held a symposium at the Thurmont Sportsman's Club. The purpose of the meeting was to have all shooting and sports clubs in Frederick County attend and explain the events they hold and those events available to the public. The Monocacy Pistol Club members manned a question and answer tent and passed out information explain-

ing the events we offer and information about our website. We took along six falling steel plates that were set up on one of the ranges. This was open to the public and many men, women and children got to shoot pistols for the first time under the supervision of MPC Range Officers. Both the guns and ammo were provided by MPC members.

MPC got a great deal of positive feedback, especially from the ladies who shot under our supervision. Over 500 rounds were fired by the public. I would like to thank Susie Bears and Randy Rolls who helped me on the shooting range and provided their own pistols and ammo to the public. I would also like to thank Cortney Budney, Bill Stitely and Mike Spittell who manned the information tent during the very hot day.

Monocacy Pistol Club received positive PR from the event and the possibility of new members. If the event is held again we feel it would be beneficial to have a photo album, event posters and an MPC banner to draw more attention to our booth.

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

Our current checking balance is \$19129.49. In the near future, we will have significant expenses related to the repairs and rebuilding of our Pins range. We are prepared and have budgeted for those expenses.

In speaking with several members that enjoy our Rimfire events, the topic of breaking down a Ruger semi-auto always enters the conversation. I would recommend that you take a look at the "Ruger 22 Auto Pistol Speed Strip Kit," offered at Power Custom (www.powercustom.com). Follow the MKII link on the site. The kit works for all MKII and MKIII pistols, and sells for \$49.00 plus S&H.

After installing this kit, you only have to remove the bolt pin with a key, and you can easily remove the bolt for cleaning without dealing with the grip take down lock. I have installed them on two Ruger pistols, making cleaning them less aggravating. Check it out! The kit makes a big difference.

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

I start getting things ready for the newsletter by about the 26th of the month, so if anyone wants anything listed in the newsletter classified, please get it to me by the date of the monthly membership meeting date. If you wait I can't promise it will get into that month's newsletter.

SHOOTING ETIQUETTE

- Always be respectful of your fellow shooters.
- Turn off all cell phone ringers while on the firing line.
- Be respectful of others when putting gun boxes on the firing line doing so with minimal jostling of other's equipment.
- While waiting for your turn on the firing line, keep the noise/distractions to a minimum.
- When finish shooting, please step back behind the firing line and if necessary talk in low tones so the remaining shooters are not interrupted.
- Pick up your brass without disturbing your fellow shooters on either side of you.
- Remove brass from your firing point when finish shooting.
- When finish shooting: remove target and staples from the cardboard, then put cardboard away or as instructed by RSO.
- Shoot only at the firing point you are set up on.
- Refrain from smoking behind the firing line during matches.
- Please watch your language, do not use profanity. Remember this is a family range.

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

Greetings everyone! The summer is off to a hot start! The refrigerators are stocked with water and soda. Please remember the \$0.50 donation for each drink. This money is used to replenish the drinks. If you are out on the range for an extended period of time, make sure you hydrate. And, if you take multiple bottles of water out of the fridge, take the extra seconds to put a couple back in so the next person can have a cold drink as well.

On the 12th of June, we had a spring workday and 13 people showed up. Thanks to all you who did! We got a lot of work done in a short amount of time. It turned out to be a hot day. The whole team of 13 put forth a great effort and accomplished most of the tasks we had set forth. We all got out before the heat became too unbearable. Thanks for the great effort, folks!

There are a couple of items that need to be completed, so if anyone else is looking for ways to contribute and to work off a couple of hours, here they are:

- 1) The pile of trash needs to be transported to the dump – any dump fees, please get a receipt and submit to either Greg Talamini or myself so that you may be reimbursed.
- 2) The long bench under the Pins shelter needs to be re-built (the concrete one was removed during the workday) and all the tables and benches need to be shored up. Again, any fees associated with rebuilding, please submit receipts for reimbursement.
- 3) There is a pine tree that up-rooted during the snow storms, and it needs to be cut up and removed.

If you have any questions regarding any of the tasks, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

We have recently had meetings with the RSO's and with the match directors. Both groups discussed responsibilities of, and criteria for, club RSO's, and the matches in general. To summarize these discus-

sions, it was generally agreed upon that there needs to be a competency criteria for one to be a club RSO and that just going to the NRA class should not qualify one to RSO at matches. In short, there needs to be a mentoring program in place to 'build' club RSO's. Also, it was decided that match directors should take the initiative to find and work with RSO's that are interested in attending their respective matches and helping to run them.

The RSO mentoring program is a great idea and one that the board fully supports. However, outlining, constructing and then implementing such a program would be very time intensive and, on a personal level, I'm very involved with my career, and don't have adequate time to devote to such a worthy program. Therefore, I am seeking a volunteer (or volunteers) who can devote the time necessary to get something like this up and running. It's a worthwhile program and should receive the attention it deserves. Please let me know if anyone is interested in helping with this.

The classic problem of any organization is that 15% of the members will do 85% of the work, and MPC trends to the same model. Over the last few years, match participation has increased significantly and that is great. With an increase in match participation, there is an increased need for help with running matches, maintaining the property, etc. That is where we need more help.

We really need people who are interested in helping match directors to run matches, even if they aren't RSO's. If you shoot a match often, and are interested in helping the match director, please talk to them directly. If you are not an RSO, you can still help with setup, sign up, recording scores or any other tasks that are specific to the match that you enjoy shooting. Working at a match counts towards work hours as well! If you want to become an RSO, but are not currently qualified, you can help to run the line under the supervision of another RSO. And if you have attended the NRA RSO course, but just not confident enough to run the line on your own, ask the match director or another RSO to let you help so you can get the experience. The bottom line is that we need more people participating to keep the club running smoothly, and who we need is you! So please volunteer today!

Have a great summer, and I will see you out on the range!

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 - 223
- Life – 7
- Junior – 3
- Probationary –25
- Total Active Membership: 258

Potential Membership:

- Junior – 2 openings
- Wait List –8

It's hard to believe, but half of the year is gone already. It's time for everyone to think hard about getting your work time done. Don't wait till the end of the year when the weather starts to put a hamper on work days. One of the big items that come to mind for me is "Grass Cutting". The PPC range has been a mini jungle for the last two Critter matches. Some members have been listing "Picking up Brass" in the work log. This does not count towards your work time even if you are picking up someone else's brass.

We had the best turnout yet for the June Critter match (13-shooters). Thanks to all that attended, and I hope to see everyone again at the next one.

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. We don't have a permanent location yet, so please contact the Vice President for the month's meeting location.

UPCOMING CLUB MATCHES

July 2010

- Saturday, 7/3, 10 am Falling Steel
- Sunday, 7/4, 10 am Critter Match
- Sunday, 7/4, 10 am 3 Stage Steel
- Wednesday, 7/7, 6 pm and 7 pm .22 League
- Saturday, 7/10, 10 am Speed Steel
- Sunday, 7/11, 10 am Rimfire Steel
- Tuesday, 7/13, 11 am Cowboy
- Wednesday, 7/14, 6 pm and 7 pm .22 League
- Saturday, 7/17, 10 am Pins
- Sunday, 7/18, 1 pm Rimfire Lots of Steel
- Wednesday, 7/21, 6 pm and 7 pm .22 league
- Saturday, 7/24, 10 am PPC
- Saturday, 7/24, 10am 1800 and Bullseye
- Sunday, 7/25, 10 am Revolver Steel
- Wednesday, 7/28, 6 pm and 7pm .22 League
- Saturday, 7/31, 10 am Harrisburg Practice

August 2010

- Sunday, 8/1, 10 am Critter Match
- Sunday, 8/1, 10 am Three Stage Steel
- Wednesday, 8/4, 6 pm and 7 pm .22 League
- Saturday, 8/7, 10 am Harrisburg Practice
- Saturday, 8/7, 10am Falling Steel
- Sunday, 8/8, 10 am Rimfire Steel
- Tuesday, 8/10, 11 am Cowboy
- Wednesday, 8/11, 6 pm and 7 pm .22 League
- Saturday, 8/14, 10 am Harrisburg Practice
- Saturday, 8/14, 10 am Speed Steel
- Sunday, 8/15, 1 pm Rimfire Lots of steel
- Wednesday, 8/18, 6 pm and 7 pm .22 League
- Saturday, 8/21, 10 am Harrisburg Practice
- Saturday, 8/21, 10am NRA PPC Match
- Saturday, 8/21, 10 am Pins

- Sunday, 8/22, 10 am Revolver Steel
- Wednesday, 8/25, 6 pm and 7 pm .22 League
- Saturday, 8/28, 10 am Harrisburg Practice

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale – I (Tom Manson) am selling the four handguns listed below. I am the original owner of each and acquired them over the last 20 years. I've not kept a log of how many rounds have gone through each of these, so I don't have an accurate count, but I would hazard a guess that none of them have seen over a thousand rounds (and the S&W many hundred fewer). I will only sell any of these to a member in good standing of the Monocacy Pistol Club, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The *Uzi Baby Eagle* is a .40 S&W caliber weapon that is a double action only design. It holds 10 rounds with +1 in the chamber (2 magazines included with sale). It is very accurate for a compact version. It is based on the CZ75 design but was manufactured by IAI in Israel. This pistol was purchased at a gun show at the Frederick Fairgrounds. Asking \$550.00

The *Smith & Wesson Model 29* is the most powerful handgun I own. It shoots both .44 Special and .44 Magnum loads, and is considerably more accurate in my hands with the .44 special loads. It is beautifully polished and blued as well as being well balanced. I added the Black Silverwood grips with the faux-ivory panel and S&W logo imprint. This was the first acquisition of my more recent gun collection of the 1990s. This revolver was purchased from Robert at Gun Runners. Asking \$700.00

The *Browning Hi-Power* is in .40 S&W caliber as is the Uzi, but is considerably more accurate primarily because of its barrel and sight length. The Hi-Power fits in my hand beautifully and line of fire is as low (and close to the forearm axis) as I have ever seen. Its magazines (3 included) hold 10 rounds. This pistol was purchased at Sports Authority on Rt 85 when they sold handguns. Asking \$675.00

The *Kimber Pro-Carry* is a .45 acp caliber weapon and shoots very reliably for a 45. The gun is a clone of the Commanders model and employs an aluminum frame. The Kimber loves lead, throws it at about 900 fps for most loads and seems happiest with a 230 grain FMJ bullet at the range. This pistol was purchased at Hendershots in Hancock. It includes a

match trigger, hammer, extended slide release, and extended magazine release. Asking \$750.00

If you have any questions or would like to see and hold these handguns, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you, Tom Manson.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Below is a very useful link which permits one to e-mail all the state Senators and Delegates:

<http://www.ksconline.net/>

Currently, there are two very gun-unfriendly bills being introduced in the Maryland House of Delegates and the Senate. The NRA-ILA has sent out an alert about House Bill 820 and Senate Bill 645. Here is a link to their announcement: