



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER- MAY 2011

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Will this weird weather ever end? Just when you think it is going to change for the better the temperature drops and the rain starts. Jeremy just cancelled the work day that was scheduled for Saturday April 23 because of the weather. He will be rescheduling in May.

Hopefully it won't be long before I see many of you at the range. The Junior Rifle program is nearing fruition. Tom Kline (tklin001@maryland.edu) and Ed Schoder (emschoder@comcast.net) are going to spearhead the program. They will be having an informational/organizational meeting before long. I am sure they will appreciate anyone who is willing to assist. That meeting will be announced by club e-mail. The board purchased 5,000 .22 CCI rounds to have on hand for the program and Tom Kline has some rifles to get started with. Youth interest in getting strong. Please remember that we need to get the youth started or the sport will die off.

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We are currently meeting at the Tuscarora Gun Club. This is an interim location until we find a suitable place not too far from the club or the city of Frederick. We need a facility large enough to handle up to 50 people per meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. It must also have ample parking and be had for free or a reasonable price. I appreciate the suggested locations so far. They just haven't worked out to fit our needs. If you have more suggestions, please let me know.

I have been made aware of situations where the members at a match have made the atmosphere less than congenial and family friendly. This is in direct conflict with the aims of the club. Please keep your actions, attitudes, and language appropriate to a family friendly atmosphere that will encourage family participation in a positive environment.

See you at the range.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The club was represented at the Frederick County Sportsman's Day on April 10 at the Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman's Club (<http://www.tcandsc.org/>). We pitched a display tent, and from it we pitched the club to anyone who stopped by. Thanks to George Bransom, Holly Diggs, and Greg Talamini for staffing the tent for the six hours of the show. Thanks also to Sheriff Chuck Jenkins for spending some of his valuable time in our tent.

We also set up a firing line with guns and ammo supplied for anyone who wanted try their hand at pistol shooting in a controlled, safe environment. Thanks to Chuck Regan, Brian Stupar, and Hiem Trang for running the firing line and supplying the hardware.

Unfortunately the show was sparsely attended, probably due to a last minute date change. Better luck next year.

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PS: I have been the MPC VP for three months now, and my shooting has not improved one iota!

TREASURER'S CORNER

We are still solvent with expenses for the month; \$1701.00 and income of \$1475.73. Our Current Checking bal. is \$25,823.44.

As I mentioned at the membership meeting we have our largest expenses for the year ahead of us those being the awards banquet and our insurance coverage. Our next expense will be making improvements to the Bulls Eye range, which is under advisement as I write this; more information to follow.

On April 10th we took part in the Frederick County Sportsman's Council event. I want to thank our George Bransom, Tom Naugler, Holly Diggs, Brian Stupar, Chuck Regan, Chuck Jenkins and Heim Trang for helping us out for the day. Although the turnout was less than desired we had a few people interested in MPC and what we offered. As a reminder, our Awards Banquet is May 20th. Get your reservation checks in to Paula Roberts, made out to MPC, as soon as you can as we are filling up. There are great door prizes along with great food and our yearly awards.

See you at the range.

Greg Talamini

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

At last, spring is here and the shooting season has begun. We have a new meeting area, and have been having some good turnouts. The newsletters are bi-monthly this year if you haven't already noticed. If you have any gun related items for sale, please let me know so I may publish it in the classified section of the newsletter.

Bulls-eye Report

The .22 league starts the first Wednesday of May, May 4th. The first relay will begin at 6 pm, the second relay starts at 7 pm. Anyone interested in shooting bulls-eye .22, one handed shooting, experienced or not, please come out and try. For the rest of my league members, the shooting season has begun. Let all get out our guns, clean them, lubricated them and work out the cob webs that have formed over the winter. I know some of us will be rusty so now is the time to get the kinks out.

My 1800 matches started in April, so if anyone wants to come out and shoot .22 and a Center-fire bulls-eye match, please come out and participate. They are usually on Saturdays and 10 am, check the schedule.

If anyone needs .22 CCI- Std ammunition, please let me know. I will try to carry a case with me to the range if anyone is interested. The cost is \$24.00 per brick of 500 rounds.

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

The spring is off to a bumpy start. The weather has not been cooperative with MPC objectives, but we'll just have to move beyond it. Our first workday was cancelled due to rain in the morning, but of course, by the afternoon, the sun was shining and things were great.

The workday will be rescheduled for May once I work out when. All objectives still need to be accomplished, so if anyone is itching to do some work, feel free to start on something. Just let me know what you're planning on doing. Also, I have put some plywood and 2x8's up under the tower. They are supposed to be for the aging plywood on the steel and pins range. We'll need different stuff for the roof and siding on the Stat Shed and Critters Shed. If anyone purchases anything, please turn in your receipts to the Treasurer, Greg Talamini, for reimbursement.

To reiterate the new SOP for MPC RSO's, this is a 3-step process that consists of the following:

1. Attend an NRA RSO Course (check with the NRA for courses in local area)
2. Attend an MPC RSO Clinic to become familiar with club-specific requirements
3. Apprentice for a minimum of 3 months under a match director

To facilitate this and aid members we have the new RSO Qualification Tracking Guide, which was sent out via email on April 22, 2011. If you need a copy of it, please either email me, jeremygray2@mac.com or Rick Fiore, membership@monocacypistolclub.com to obtain one.

Please remember that if you were an RSO as of March 1, 2011, then you are grandfathered in and DO NOT have to complete this tracking guide. This is for members that are interested in becoming club qualified RSO's that have not previously been RSO's.

RSO Clinic dates are posted on the website (or soon will be). The first dates for this year are 15MAY2011 and 22MAY2011, which are both Sundays. These clinics will begin at 2:30 pm. The instructor will be DeWayne Veenhuis. Another set of clinics will be posted as soon as I get dates from the instructor, who will be Leo Escoto.

This tracking sheet is the responsibility of the member to maintain until it is complete. The NRA RSO course and the MPC RSO clinics are not negotiable items; they **MUST** be completed. The number of matches that you need to apprentice during can be negotiated. The minimum number is three. If the match director and other RSO's feel that you are competent after three matches, then the match director can sign off for final approval. The tracking guide must be presented to the CRSO for final signature whereupon it will be filed with the membership chairman to maintain with member's file. A copy of the NRA RSO course certificate (which has been signed by the course instructor) must be given to the membership chairman as well.

Once completed, you'll also get an RSO hat to show off at the range.

The Dueling Trees are finally here! Brian Stupar is going to be the match director and he is planning a rehearsal match with some select shooters to work out the kinks in the match format before we take it live. This rehearsal match is not intended to alienate or exclude anyone, but we want to make sure that the match can be conducted in a safe manner for all levels of participants, and to do this, we need to have one, or maybe two, practice matches with a minimal level of people and people who are all very competent shooters. I'm leaving it to Brian's discretion to designate the participants. Of course, we'll notify everyone when the match will be posted to the schedule.

On a different note, I have noticed over the last couple of weeks that there have been a lot of group activities out on the ranges. This is great and that is what the club is for. However, please make sure that you take away any food trash. We are a small club in a somewhat rural setting and we have creatures! Specifically, raccoons and other varmints that get into any kind of food left behind. Twice in the past month, I've come out and there has been food waste strewn about the steel and pins range. Please take it away with you.

Also, **NO SHOOTING OF ANY CANS OR BOTTLES OF ANY KIND ON ANY OF THE RANGES! IF I CATCH YOU DOING THAT, YOU'RE DONE WITH MPC. ANY QUESTIONS?**

And, while this is in the range rules and gone over twice at the new member safety briefing, let me reiterate that there are *no* carbines allowed. Specifically, that means that .30 carbine is *not* allowed. A 9 mm carbine is *not* allowed. A .45 ACP carbine is *not* allowed. Please don't argue with this rule (or with board members who remind you of it). This rule is in effect so that we don't have to worry (as much) about ricochets flying into the adjacent neighborhoods and hurting someone. An incident like that could cause us to lose our lease (which we've had for more than 50 years) or worse, get somebody hurt. Remember, we're a *pistol* club. Rifles and carbines are for somewhere else.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me. Hope to see you all out at the range!

Thanks again, and I'll see you out at the range,

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

We still have a few openings for membership if anyone has a friend or relative that might be interested. Please have them contact me for an application. We also have more Junior members this year than in any previous year, but still have 13 more positions available. If your son/daughter or niece/nephew etc. is interested please consider signing them up.

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 Tuscarora Gun Club, 5008 Tuscarora Road. Tuscarora, Md.

(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

(3) MATCH SCHEDULE

MAY

- 1st - 10 am Critter match
- 1st - 10am Three stage Steel match
- 3rd - MPC Board meeting
- 4th - .22 bulls-eye league, 6pm and 7pm
- 7th - 10 am 1800 Bulls-eye match
- 7th - 10 am Falling Steel match
- 8th - 10 am Rimfire Steel match
- 10th - 11 am Cowboy shoot
- 11th - .22 league at 6pm and 7pm
- 14th - 10 am Speed Steel
- 15th - 11am .22 Lots of Steel match
- 15th - 2:30 pm RSO Clinic
- 17th - 7:30pm Membership meeting
- 18th - .22 league at 6pm and 7pm
- 21st - 10 am 1800 Bulls-eye match
- 21st - 10 am Pins match
- 22nd - 11 am Great Wars match
- 22nd - 2:30 pm RSO Clinic
- 25th - .22 League at 6pm and 7pm

- 28th - 10 am NRA registered PPC match
- 29th - 1pm Revolver match

JUNE

- 1st - .22 League at 6pm and 7pm
- 4th - Falling Steel match
- 5th - 10 am Three Stage Steel match
- 7th - 7pm MPC Board meeting
- 8th - .22 league at 6pm and 7pm
- 11th - 10 am Speed Steel match
- 12th - 10 am Rimfire Steel match
- 14th - 11 am Cowboy Shoot
- 15th - .22 League at 6pm and 7pm
- 18th - 10 am NRA registered PPC match
- 18th - 10 am Pins match
- 19th - 10 am NRA registered PPC
- 19th - 11 am .22 Lots of steel match
- 21st - 7:30 pm Membership meeting
- 22nd - .22 League at 6pm and 7pm
- 25th - 8am WORKDAY - RANGE CLOSED
- 26st - 1pm Revolver match
- 29th - .22 league at 6pm and 7pm

CLASSIFIEDS

No Classifieds Submitted this Month.

LEGISLATIVE

Here's one for Items of Interest:

One of the themes from this year's NRA Annual Members Meeting was to spread the word about the fun of shooting. We typically talk guns and shooting with other like-minded people, but we can increase our numbers by involving those not yet interested in the shooting sports. So take a neighbor, colleague, or friend to the range who doesn't shoot. Introduce them to the sport with a simple, low recoil gun and let them shoot at some reactive targets, and give them one of your NRA or other gun magazines when you leave the range. Better yet, take a kid shooting.

