



# Monocacy Pistol Club

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## NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2011

***Board of Officers Elections*** – As required by our By-Laws, the Board has appointed a Nominating Committee for the elections, Ms. Holly Diggs. She has been maintaining a roster of candidates for each position, as below, and has publicized the Board positions to the Club. Ms. Diggs will present the known Candidates to the Membership present during our January 2011 Membership meeting; election night. If you're interested in serving our Membership as an Officer, please contact Ms. Diggs at [mkdiggs01@yahoo.com](mailto:mkdiggs01@yahoo.com). Thank you, Ms. Diggs.

***Board Positions and Eligibility*** – All Board positions are open to any Regular Member in good standing. That is, a Regular Member that is current on their dues and is eligible for Membership Renewal in 2011. At present, the following Board members have chosen to seek re-election: Mr. Greg Talamini for Treasurer; Ms. Linda Newcomer for Secretary; Mr. Jeremy Gray for CRSO; and Mr. Rick Fiore for Membership Chairman. Presently, Mr. George Bransom has announced his candidacy for President, Mr. Tom Naugler, Mr. Pat Vickers and Mr. DeWayne Veenhuis have announced their candidacy for the Vice President's post.

***Proxy Voting*** – In accordance with By-Laws Article XI Section (d), you may vote during the January 2011 Membership meeting through a Proxy. If you're unable to attend the meeting in person, we encourage you to use a Proxy to cast your vote. For your convenience, we have included a Proxy with this newsletter. Your completed and signed proxy must be presented to the Secretary prior to the vote; either someone may present it to the Secretary on your behalf, or it may be mailed to our PO Box address (above), to the attention of the Secretary. I strongly encourage you to vote!

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**Treasurer**

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**Membership Chairman**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As my tenure as President draws to a close, I reminisce about the many significant things that we've accomplished over the past three years. Our most significant accomplishments include:

- establishing an annual budget for all our annual recurring expenses, providing for major unanticipated expenses, and establishing adequate membership fees to keep our Club in good financial standing for years to come;
- building and promoting a fun shooting environment that includes a number of new matches that appeal to a broader audience, including women, and our younger generation;
- standardizing the way in which our RSOs enforce our range rules, the manner in which our Match Directors conduct their matches, and how we address and remedy infractions;
- formalizing our Junior Membership program and positioning it for success by raising the membership cap to include twenty (20) permanent Junior membership slots;
- purchasing a significant number of high-grade steel targets, sufficient to support all of our new steel matches, and replace aging steel targets; and
- significantly upgraded and repaired the Bullseye range, the Steel range, and – most recently – the Pins range, all of which are now positioned for long-term usage and budgeted for regular, annual maintenance.

I am very proud of our accomplishments during my tenure. However, none of it would have been possible without the support and encouragement of my past and present Board, and the many Members that were involved and supported our objectives and our initiatives.

It has been a unique honor and pleasure serving as your President.

I wish each Member a safe and very prosperous new year.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The year 2010 has been a very good year for the Monocacy Pistol Club. Attendance at all the matches has been excellent. It was necessary to run three tables at all the Pin Matches and use both the Pins and the Steel ranges for at the Falling Steel Matches. We have had added participation from several of the new Range Safety Officers, which has allowed the Match Directors to spend more time supervising the matches.

Throughout the summer we made the necessary plans to renovate the Pins range. Thanks to our Chief Range Officer, Jeremy Gray, construction started in October with the final welding completed in November – just in time for the last Pins match of the year. A small amount of work including gutters and downspouts will be completed in the Spring.

As most of you know, Pins matches are not held during December through February because pins may freeze and shatter, and constitute a safety hazard. For those of you who would like to practice shooting pins during the winter months, the steel fall down pins have been bolted to two tables. Pins matches will resume the third Saturday of March.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank all the members for the cooperation shown to me during the past three years while serving as your Vice President. My best wishes for continued success go out to all the members of the new executive board.

See you at the range.

Thank you, Jake Straits

## TREASURER'S CORNER

Treasurers Report as of 12/20/2010:

- Income – \$9,884.40
- Expenses – \$1,900.06
- Checking Balance – \$20,670.29

Once again, we come to the end of the year. During 2010 we accomplished a great deal. Completion of the Pins range repairs; continued success with turn out for matches; and raising the membership cap for Regular and Junior members, which opens our Club up for new members along with providing space for probationary and youth memberships to graduate to full adult memberships.

In addition, we have made our Club financially secure affording us the ability to replace equipment, repair and replace targets along with entertaining new venues. The year 2011 should be another good year as well. There are a few small projects planned maintaining our facility and we are investigating a new steel match.

You, the membership, should be pleased with and proud of our Club, as it has provided a safe and pleasant place to practice and enjoy fun matches. We don't demand much in the way of requirements for maintaining your membership as compared with other clubs in the surrounding area which makes us unique.

Those who have volunteered their time and expertise, Match Directors, RSO's, Score posting, Safety Classes, web management, and all who have spent time helping out with work projects deserve a big vote of thanks. I personally want to offer my thanks to you all. Without your participation we wouldn't have much of a Club.

I also would like to thank Leo Escoto and Jake Straits for their service on our board. I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy 2011.

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

Thank you, Greg Talamini

### **SECRETARY'S CORNER**

This has been a busy year for many of us in the Club. Between the bad weather of last winter and some family health issues, I have missed a couple of meetings. I will do my best to improve my availability to the Club this coming year.

I have enjoyed being Secretary for the Club during the past several years, and will continue doing the job should you elect me for 2011. If there is anything that you feel I should improve, please let me know.

### **Bullseye Column**

We had an active and safe year on the Bullseye range. We had lots of participation in the league and I was happy to see so many turn out for our match-

es. We also had a lot of 1800 matches and enjoyed a fair turn out for them as well.

Now that winter has set in, and it is too cold to shoot, we take a well-earned break in matches until the Spring. Hopefully we will start 1800 matches in April. The Bullseye league will resume the first Wednesday of May 2011. I encourage you all to keep practicing, which will help to strengthen your skills, and keep the rust away.

I wish you all a very happy New Year. I will see you all at meetings or at the range this coming year.

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

See you at the Range.

Thank you, Linda Newcomer

### **CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER**

The Year in Review:

2010 has been a busy year for MPC and there have been lots of work done on the ranges, and lots of work done to improve the overall quality of the Club.

The year started with an ad-hoc workday to move heavy snow off the ranges so that we were able to conduct our scheduled matches. It was great to see so many members willing to volunteer time and equipment for the benefit of our Club.

Spring brought a workday for general clean up and to prep for the biggest project of the year: the planned Pins range improvement during the summer.

Summer arrived and as the best laid plans of mice and men oft' do, the Pins range improvement was delayed due to scheduling, weather and many other logistical issues. However, we still had a workday to keep the place up and to prepare for the work on the Pins range to be completed in the fall.

Finally, in the fall, a date was set to begin the work on the Pins range and a small, but select group of people began Phase 1 of the improvements. The work went smoothly, and amazingly, was completed

on schedule. Phase 2 called for more participation and lots of strong backs. The membership responded to the call, and over two days, Phase 2 was completed. This allowed Phase 3, the completion of the bullet trap, to be completed by an outside source: a certified welder named Dan, and his son. There was a short delay in scheduling and, despite a slightly worried Match Director, the work was completed so that the final Pins match of the year could be held.

While all of this snow blowing, shoveling, grass-cutting, weed whacking, digging, trenching, and building was going on, there were lots of meetings and administrative things occurring as well. A new initiative was brought forward to improve the safety and quality of the matches by setting down a guideline for MPC's RSOs. We held meetings with the current RSOs where concerns were aired and feelings were vented. We held a meeting of match directors to hear their concerns as well. With the benefit of the information gleaned from these meetings, we were able to put together an SOP for MPC RSOs and the qualification of MPC RSOs.

To support this new initiative, we held clinics to help current RSOs brush up on skills and for members who are interested in becoming RSOs. These clinics were widely accepted as a benefit and will continue in 2011.

With the wisdom and experience of older members, we were also able to standardize the match safety-briefing format. This will benefit current and future match directors by ensuring that while the matches may be different, the safety aspect of each is the same; we aim for a safe club!

It has indeed been a busy year and 2011 promises to be busy as well. There are still small things that need to be done to the Pins range. There are targets that need to be repaired. The grass will continue to grow. Things will continue to break. Not to worry, we will have enough workdays for everyone to get his or her work hours in!

I'd like to take this time to thank all of the people who have supported the club and my efforts as CRSO this year. I'd also like to thank all of those people who have kept me on my toes and kept me aware of my shortcomings as CRSO: it's good to know what needs improvement and how one can grow as a person.

I'd also like to take this time to thank Leo Escoto and Jake Straits for their service on the board of director. They have both dedicated countless hours of their time for thankless positions, and have done great jobs. It was fun to serve with you and I look forward to vetoing all of your ideas from this day forward, just out of spite (just kidding).

We'll continue on with the business of the club next year with a new board. As a matter of fact, the first match of the year will have been on the first day of the year! Just remember, the board of directors is working hard to keep the club going and to keep it a safe place to enjoy our sport. I want to encourage people to take an active interest in the club and to participate as much as possible; consider taking a role as an RSO or running for a spot on the board of directors. MPC needs people to continue the work that others have laid down before, and it is good to have new people with fresh ideas.

Thanks you, Jeremy Gray.

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The current Membership standings are as follows:

- Regular Members – 224
- Life Members – 7
- Junior Members – 3
- Probationary Members – 27
- Total Membership – 261

Wow! This year just flew by. As the newest member of the board of directors it was an honor to serve the club as Membership Chairman. I knew the position would occupy a lot of my time during the renewal period, but I underestimated a little. All in all it seems to have gone fairly well with just a couple minor glitches and I'm certain next year will be even smoother. It appears as though there will be several openings for membership in 2011 so if you have any friends that are interested in membership now would be a good time.

It has been a pleasure to serve with Leo Escoto and Jake Straits on the board. I would like to thank both of them for their many years of dedicated service to Monocacy Pistol Club.

I was very pleased with the outcome of establishing the guidelines for our Junior Membership Program and I look forward to seeing its implementation in action during upcoming 2011 shooting season. I have had several interested in becoming Junior Members and 2 have already signed up. If any of you have a child that is interested please do not hesitate to contact me for a Junior Membership Application.

I would like to thank all the participants at my Critter Matches this past year. I had the best turnout in the 6-years I've been match director this year. We actually had more shooters than shooting lanes and that was a good problem to have. Thanks to Mike Naham and Eric Schaeffer for helping me with the RSO duties this year. I would also like to thank Al Nace for his consistent dedication to shooting the Critter Matches and helping me remember the items I always seem to forget in my range briefings.

I encourage you to contact me by phone (301) 748-0397, or e-mail at [hullhorr@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## UPCOMING MATCHES

### January 2011

- Jan 1 – 10 am Falling Steel
- Jan 2 – 10 am Three Stage Steel
- Jan 4 – 7 pm MPC Board Meeting
- Jan 9 – 10 am Rim-fire Steel
- Jan 18 – 7:30 pm Membership meeting
- Jan 22 – 11 am CAS Match
- Jan 23 – 10 am Revolver Match

### February 2011

- Feb. 1 – 7 pm MPC Board Meeting
- Feb. 5 – 10 am Falling Steel
- Feb. 6 – 10 am Three Stage Steel
- Feb. 13 – 10 am Rim-fire Steel
- Feb. 15 – 7:30 pm Membership meeting
- Feb. 26 – 11 am CAS Match
- Feb. 27 – 10 am Revolver match

## CLASSIFIEDS

No Classifieds Submitted this Month.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

No Significant Legislative News to Highlight this Month.

## 2011 Voting Proxy

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with Monocacy Pistol Club By-Laws Article XI Section (d), and as a Member in good standing, I cast my vote for the candidates circled or written-in below.

Executive Board Position	Candidate(s)	Write-In Candidates
President	George Bransom	
Vice President (alphabetically)	Tom Naugler	
	DeWayne Veenhuis	
	Pat Vickers	
Secretary	Linda Newcomer	
Treasurer	Greg Talamini	
Chief Range Safety Officer	Jeremy Gray	
Membership Chairman	Rick Fiore	

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Printed Name:	

Your completed and signed proxy must be presented to the Secretary prior to the vote. Either someone may present it to the Secretary on your behalf, or it may be mailed to:

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