



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER- MARCH 2011

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to thank the outgoing President and Vice President for their unselfish dedication to the Monocacy Pistol Club. Leo and Jake along with the rest of the board have done a tremendous job in managing our resources and maintaining a safe place to shoot. We have a lot of matches, so something should appeal to most everyone.

Our immediate need is now for a place to hold our monthly membership meetings. Our use of Keller-Williams has come to an end and we must have another place by the April 2011 meeting. We are looking at fire houses and other gun clubs at this time. I expect we will have a decision at the March board meeting. If you have any other suggestions please forward them to me.

Our annual banquet is coming up on May 20 at Walkersville. Please mark your calendars. Flyers will be out shortly.

We all need dreams and goals to strive for. Please let me know what you would like to see for the Monocacy Pistol Club over the next few years. This club is here for the membership and we need your input. My personal goal is to create a reason to attract more junior members. I am dreaming of a junior .22 rifle team sponsored by the club. We will need a few certified rifle instructors or coaches to make this happen. If you are interested let me know. I would like to see the club purchase a few .22 target rifles from the Civilian Marksmanship Program or other source to get this started.

Please remember to use the link in the club website under 'Membership' to renew or sign up a new member with the NRA. The fight to preserve our right is going to remain difficult and more members aid the fight. In addition the club gets part of the payments using this link.

Feel free to contact me at bransom@verizon.net or at 301-253-4344. If I'm not home leave a message. I will call you back.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jake Straits for his three years of service to our club as its Vice President, and for his continuing service as the director of the pins matches and management of annual awards presentations at the banquet. I will do my best to carry on his great work on the club's behalf.

I'm looking forward to a great year with a great group of people.

Best regards,

Tom

TREASURER'S CORNER

We are in good financial shape. Our expenses from Jan. 19th thru Feb. 15th are \$470.33 . Our income for that period is \$ 4384.00 . leaving our checking balance at \$24774.57. Looking forward we are working on a new match which will require the purchase of special targets and of course in May we have our Awards Banquet. We are in line with our budget projections and are well prepared for the up coming expenses of the awards banquet, new target costs along with continuing repairs. On a personal note I'd like to thank those of you who offered help and good wishes recently. I am happy to tell you that Merry is doing well on her road to recovery. I look forward to better weather and seeing you at the range. Be safe out there.

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

It has been a long cold winter. With this recent warming trend, we are all thinking spring time and shooting outdoors again. The time will come with the thaw in another month. I look forward to seeing you all at the range. We have been having a good turn out at the membership meetings.

We are still in the process of finding a new location for our future meetings and as soon as we can we will be letting you all know where it will be.

Bulls-eye Report

It is still 6 weeks before we start any 1800 matches. The first one will be on April 16th @ 10 am. Our .22 league will be starting the first Wednesday of May. With the first relay at 6pm, and 2nd at 7pm.

If anyone needs .22 CCI standard let me know. I will be ordering ammo in March.

See you at the Range

Linda Newcomer

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

Working our way through another tough winter, I'm sure that everyone will be glad when Spring arrives. It's just around the corner, and I, for one, can't wait. We've had lots of match cancellations due to the harsh weather. However, the rest of the year promises to be very busy.

Early this spring, we'll be adding an exciting new match. It will be a center-fire, dueling match held on the steel range using dueling trees. The dueling trees will be from MGM and built from AR500 steel, so they should last a while. Brian Stupar will be the match director and he will be looking for RSO's to help him out. We'll need a minimum of four, but could do with more. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know and I will link you up with Brian.

Having mentioned RSO's, we'll be coming out with the MPC RSO qualification requirements soon. For those of you who are interested in becoming an MPC RSO, the first step will be to take an NRA RSO certification class. Once you have completed that, please get your qualification card to the membership chairman, so that he can update your record. The next step will be to participate in an RSO seminar where we'll go over the particulars of being an MPC RSO. The final step will be an apprenticeship period under one of the current match directors. There will be a tracking form that the member will need to maintain until it is complete. The member will then turn it into the membership chairman for record updating.

As soon as I have instructors lined up, we'll publish the RSO Seminar dates so people who are interested can plan to attend. I anticipate that we will have at least four dates; two Saturdays and two Sundays to accommodate everyone's schedule.

This year, new member safety briefings will be held on an 'as needed' basis. We have one group scheduled to go and as more slots are filled, I'll schedule another.

Work days will be scheduled for the spring, summer and fall. Match Directors, if there is anything specific you would like done to facilitate your match, please let me know so I can get the work scheduled.

I hope to see you all on the range!

Jeremy

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The 2011 season is well underway and the weather is clearing up. The Critter matches will begin in April of this year. If the weather cooperates I may plan an impromptu match in March, but that remains to be seen.

2010 was my first year as your membership chairman and I was honored to serve the club in this position. The last 3-months of the year become very busy for me in this position and I have some suggestions for everyone to make the renewal process go smoother (make my life easier). The biggest item is for all members to not wait until the last month or two to get their match or meeting requirement in. Matches can get cancelled in the colder months, and people get ill and cannot make meetings, so the sooner you meet your requirements the better. If you have special circumstances that prevent you from making some of your requirements please make the board aware of them sooner rather than later.

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 are currently exploring location options, which will be announced when finalized. Upcoming club matches

MARCH

- 1st @ 7pm Monocacy Board Meeting
- 5th @10 am Falling Steel Match
- 6th @11 am Three Stage Falling Steel Match
- 8th @11 am CAS
- 12th @ 10 am Speed Steel Match
- 13th @10 am Rimfire Steel Match
- 15th @ 7:30 pm Membership meeting
- 19th @ 10 am Pins match
- 20th @ 11 am .22 lots of steel match
- 27th @ 1pm Revolver match

APRIL

- 2nd @ 10 am Falling Steel match
- 3rd @ 10 am Critter Match
- 3rd @ 11 am Three Stage Falling steel match
- 5th @ 7 pm Board meeting
- 9th @ 10 am Speed Steel Match
- 10th@ 10 am Rimfire steel match
- 12th @ 11 am CAS
- 16th @10 am Pins match
- 16th @ 10 am 1800 Bulls-eye match
- 17th @ 11 am Lots of Steel match
- 19th @ 7:30 pm Membership meeting
- Easter April 24th Range is closed

CLASSIFIEDS

No Classifieds Submitted this Month.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Gun dealer weighs in on permitting proposals

Gunrunners owner and club member Bob Wolfes recently commented on the MD carry permit debate in a Frederick News Post interview. Wolfes said that, to protect rights of people around the state, Maryland should change its laws to say that officials "shall issue" a right-to-carry permit if the applicant meets all requirements, rather than the current law which states that officials "may issue" the permit. "The majority of my customers are the same way," he said.

As for the debate over whether Maryland State Police or county sheriffs should be in charge of issuing those permits, Wolfes said it wouldn't matter either way if Maryland were a "shall issue" state.

"If Maryland had a uniform 'must issue' it would be one thing," he said. "If you had a certain set of criteria, and if you met that criteria and they had to give you a permit, that would be one thing. But with local jurisdictions doing it, as anti-gun as some of those jurisdictions are, I can see a lot of abuse with that with the current set-up."