



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER - JULY 2011

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Junior Rifle Training will begin on July 9 through the efforts of Ed Schoder (emschoder@comcast.net) and Tom Kline (tklin001@umaryland.edu). I thank both of them for their work on this. I am told they have enough rifles and instructors at this time and have seven young people signed up. Check the website for other dates and times.

I am trying to put together some history of the Monocacy Pistol Club Belt Buckles. They were apparently started about 1985 and are awarded based on service to the club and the community. If you have received a buckle I would like to know the number and if possible the year it was awarded. I realize this may never be complete because some of the recipients have passed away, but I think it needs to be recorded.

At the membership meeting on June 21 (at Holly Hills Country Club, FSK room on the top floor, starts at 7:00 PM third Tuesday each month) ammunition and component availability was brought up. We learned that Wal-Mart usually gets their order in on Thursday and stocks the shelves by that evening. Wal-Mart is the supplier for 75% of the Winchester Ammunition that is produced and their prices are usually hard to beat.

Jeremy Gray (jeremygray2@mac.com) is willing to get bulk orders of ammunition and components together (not Wal-Mart) and see if he can get any favorable deals for club members.

Also brought up was a suggestion to have a club table at the fall Silverado Gun Show in Frederick. Members could put items out for sale. This was done a number of years ago and is labor intensive. More information will be available in the future.

Reminder- If you join or renew your membership in the NRA through the club website the club gets some of the money back. Go to 'membership' and click on 'Join the NRA'.

There is plenty of work and maintenance to be done at the ranges, don't wait until December and say you never had time or opportunity. Contact Jeremy Gray or Tom Naugler (tnaugler@verizon.net) for suggested work.

See you at the range.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The club has a Facebook group page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=118833378148031>. If you don't want to type all that in, then just open your Facebook page and do a Facebook search for "Monocacy Pistol Club". That will get you there too. I suggest that everyone take a look and then join the group. It provides a convenient medium for club related posts, including soliciting volunteers for ad-hoc work assignments as they come up. I posted one there today. If you want to volunteer, just add a comment to the posted request

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TREASURER'S CORNER

Treasurer's report; 6/14/2011

Income: \$309.00

Expenses: \$5691.94

Checking balance: \$17120.40

The expenses reflect the balance due for the Awards Banquet and the deposit for 2012 Banquet date; Mat 18th 2012.

The banquet was alot of fun. It was the most awards we have ever given out. All were pleased with the door prizes and a good time was had by all.

I look forward to seeing you all at the range.

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 have had some good turn outs for the meetings. Now we are in some new digs at the Holly Hills Country Club. It is not too far from the range and should be more convenient for most people.

BULLS-EYE COLUMN – July

We have been having a good turn- out for our league. This year has had a couple of hot weeks so far. And I want to thank all of my fellow shooters that picked up the slack and helped when I was out for my cataract surgeries. I am back now and don't anticipate missing too many more this year. We have picked up a few new shooters, and that is a good thing to see.

We will be starting Harrisburg practices on July 30th at 10 am and will have them every Saturday thru Sept 3rd. If anyone is interested in joining us at Harrisburg for the Police pistol match, let me know. It is a fun match for all bulls-eye shooters, no matter how good they are. Come out to the practice matches and see.

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

I don't like to make the CRSO column a 'complaint' column, but it seems that there are some issues that need to be addressed.

First, at the June 21st membership meeting, there were some safety concerns that were brought up which are being taken seriously by the board and are being addressed immediately. To sum up the concerns, there were violations of the range rules by non-members (meaning guests) who were participating in the regional PPC match held on June 18th. Several members witnessed the violations, and the board is working with some of these witnesses to ensure that a satisfactory resolution is put in place as quickly as possible. This will be the first topic of discussion at the July 5th Board Meeting.

Second, it was brought to my attention that someone has been firing .223 Remington on the multi-purpose range. Specifically, it was polymer-coated, mild steel cased .223 Remington of Wolf manufacture. This is truly disappointing, as I have tried to make it abundantly clear that the firing of high-power rifle calibers is prohibited on all MPC ranges. We are a pistol club and if you want to fire rifles, go somewhere else! The Thurmont Conservation and Sportsmen's Club is a great facility and taking membership applications. I'm a member of TCSC myself. One thing to take into consideration is that this kind of negligence can cause MPC to lose the lease on the city property, and we would be a club without a home. So, if it is you, who is firing rifles at MPC, STOP! You are not only endangering your membership (because if I find out who you are, you are finished with MPC), but you are endangering the club's very existence. That's not fair to anyone.

Third, I want to remind everyone that we need to keep up on the weekly grass mowing and weed trimming out at the club. Right now, the club looks like it needs some love because it has not been taken care of this spring. Workdays should not be the only days when the grass gets cut, the weeds trimmed, or the trash removed! The appearance of the club is a reflection of the membership and it really looks like the membership doesn't care. I find this to be sad, but we're going to work on this problem together. The club is going to be purchasing a new lawn mower and weed trimmer. Hopefully with easier-to-use equipment, more maintenance will be accomplished in a more-timely manner.

Last, please refrain from doing stupid things and leaving evidence of it out at the ranges. It was also brought to my attention that someone was shooting a hard-drive, presumably to destroy it. I remember having a conversation specifically about this with a new member and telling him that this type of activity was not allowed. It is still not allowed. Recently, I've found evidence of shot up cans, shotgun wadding on ranges where shotguns are not allowed, and unauthorized targets. Please think before you do something stupid, and then don't do it. I don't want to have to resort to tattletale techniques to fix what should not be an issue. Be responsible for yourself. It's been said that the true measure of a good person is what they do when no one can see them, not how they act when everyone is watching. Be good people when no one can see you. It's your range.

I want to end this column on a positive note. I am looking into using my company's leverage to bulk-purchase ammunition in several calibers. Most likely it will be ammunition in 9mm Luger, .40 S&W, and maybe .45 ACP. I don't have specifics, but I would like to get an idea of who would be interested in how much. Please send me a short email on which of those calibers would interest you and how much you'd be interested in purchasing. The plan would be to bring the ammo into my warehouse and then either bring it to a membership meeting or to the club on a designated day. Let me know!

See you all out at the range!

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

As it stands now we are going to be at full 260 member capacity once the current batch of applications clear the BI checks and send in their payments. We have reached the midpoint of 2011 and it is time for those of you that need to make your meeting or match before year's end to make it happen sooner rather than later. Do not wait till December to make your meeting and/or match requirement and have something happen to keep you from attending either/or (weather, illness, etc.) and think I'm going to make an exception for you. The requirements for renewal are very simple. Being an employer (and parent) I have heard all the excuses out there and I'm not real sympathetic when you've had a whole year to get it done.

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 7:00 pm at the Holly Hill Country Club @5502 Mussetter Rd. Ijamsville, Md. 21754.
- (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:

JULY MATCHES:

- 2nd @ 10 am Falling steel
- 3rd @ 10 am Critter match
- 3rd @ 10 am Three Stage Steel
- 5th @ 7pm MPC Board meeting
- 6th @ 6pm and 7pm .22 League
- 9th @ 8:30 am MPC Junior Rifle Team
- 9th @10 am Speed Steel match
- 9th GUN SHOW @ Frederick Fair Grounds
- 10th GUN SHOW @ Frederick Fair Grounds
- 12th @ 11 am Cowboy shoot
- 13th @ 6pm and 7pm .22 League
- 16th @ 10 am NRA PPC Match
- 16th @10 am Pins match

- 19th @7pm MPC Membership meeting
- 20th @ 6pm and 7pm .22 League
- 23rd @ 8:30 am MPC Junior Rifle Team
- 27th @ 6pm and 7pm .22 League
- 30th @ 10 am Bulls-eye 1800 HB practice
- 31st @ 1pm Revolver Match

August Matches

- 2nd @ 7pm MPC Board meeting
- 3rd @ 6pm and 7pm .22 League
- 6th @ 8:30 am MPC Junior Rifle Team
- 6th @ 10 am 1800 Bulls-eye HB practice
- 6th @ 10 am Falling Steel match
- 7th @ 10am Critter Match
- 7th @ 10 am Three Stage Steel
- 9th @ 11 am Cowboy Shoot
- 10th @ 6pm and 7pm .22 League
- 13th @ 10 am 1800 Bulls-eye HB Practice
- 13th @ 10 am Speed Steel Match
- 14th @ 10 am Rimfire Steel Match
- 20th @ 8:30 am MPC Junior Rifle Team
- 20th @ 10 am 1800 Bulls-eye HB Practice
- 20th @ 10am NRA PPC Match
- 20th @ 10am Pins match
- 21st @ 10 am Dueling Tree
- 24th @ 6pm and 7pm .22 League
- 27th @10am Annual Jim Moore Match
- 28th @ 1pm Revolver Match
- 31st @ 6pm and 7pm .22 League

CLASSIFIEDS

No Classifieds Submitted this Month.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS