



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER –NOVEMBER 2011

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I sit here writing this during the first measurable October snowfall in the area in 35 years, it reminds me of the many matches and activities that have been cancelled at the club this past year because of unusual weather. Even to the point of the hurricane bearing down on the annual Jim Moore match. This club is not there just for the matches. We are there to provide a safe and friendly environment for our members to enjoy. In that thought I have seen some questions on the new range rules that were recently published. There was no intention of actually changing any of the rules, just reorganizing them and making them easier to understand. Tom Naugler has been working on this project for the past few months, it went through many revisions, and there is no doubt ways we could always make things better, but it is a giant step in the right direction. I thank Tom for all this work. If you have questions or concerns about the new rules, please direct them to me, Tom, or Jeremy Gray so we can clarify them and make revisions to the rules as necessary. The board handles these issues so that the membership does not get bogged down with minor wording arguments.

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The work day on 10-29 was cancelled because of the weather, but there is still more work to be done at the ranges. A new shed will be installed, hay bales on the pin/steel range, and other projects. If you need to get your work time in yet, contact Jeremy Gray for suggestions. One thing I know is that there is always trash to be hauled away which could include going through old cardboard backers and discarding ones that are in bad shape.

Monocacy Pistol Club meetings are held at the Holly Hills Country Club on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM. meetings are held in the FSK room on the top floor. Enter the building through the doors adjacent to the parking lot. This room is located on the next floor up opposite the doors. An elevator is available down the hall to the right.

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'.

See you at the range.

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VICE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Last Sunday I received a lesson on the need for hearing protection at the PPC match. We walked to the line to start a 600 match after a 20 minute break. Everything seemed fine as we arrived at the first firing line. We loaded, holstered, and then the targets turned. We commenced firing, and on the first shot I realized that my ear muffs were lying on the table about 50 yards behind me. In the time it took to holster my gun and stick my fingers in my ears about a dozen shots were fired – enough to cause some damage in my left ear. I made an appointment with the ENT doctor for early the next week to assess the damage, and he concluded that I may have “dodged a bullet” (sorry), and there is a good chance that the condition will resolve itself. It hasn’t yet.

Reflecting on this incident, some thoughts formed in my mind:

1. Protecting my hearing is my responsibility and mine alone.
2. From now on I will keep the earmuffs on my person at all times while on a range – no more taking them off, laying them down, and walking away.
3. From now on I will make it a point to be aware of other shooters hearing protection and to point out any oversights like my “senior moment” last week.

We are all in this together, so in the interest of safety let’s all resolve to monitor each other with respect to “eyes and ears” while the range is hot.

Tom Naugler

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TREASURER’S CORNER

Expenses: \$1696.37

Income: \$2011.00

Checking Bal. \$15,893.51

Fall is here, that means hunting seasons are opening up. I hope all of you who take to the field do so safely. I would like to ask that you all consider buying a hunting license, even if don't hunt. It helps the Dept. of Natural Resources with all their projects which ultimately provide game lands and conservation efforts which enable hunters and trappers to pass on this ritual from generation to generation, and to better their ability to manage game. Each year there are fewer hunters because of the economy but mostly the loss of wood lands and the demand on personal time. This is especially apparent with our youth. They spend more time inside than ever before. There are fewer and fewer clubs that offer outside activities that can instill an interest in shooting sports, hunting, fishing and nature in general. I believe it's our responsibility to do what we can to expose our young people to these activities while we still can.

Good shooting.

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

We have been having a good turn out at the membership meetings. Everyone has only 2 more meetings this year, in order to get their mandatory meeting in. Our new meeting place has been very nice and hopefully we can continue at this location.

We will be having election of officers again in January. If anyone is interested in running for any office, they should let the board know, so they can be promoted in the January newsletter.

BULLS-EYE

The Bulls-eye matches are over with for this year. We had a great turn out in our .22 League this year. We had some new faces and some old faces. I want to encourage everyone keep practicing on your own when weather permits. I will be leaving targets out and available for you all to practice. If at any time this winter the supply of targets gets used up, please let me know so that I can get up and put out more targets to use.

In the past 2 weeks, I have found .22 brass and unspent .22 cartridges down at the target line. Shooting on the bulls-eye range is to be done at the firing line, which is under the cover of the building. If you want to shoot, closer than 25 yds. You should go up to the PPC range, and shoot up there.

We will resume 1800 matches in the spring as well as .22 leagues. I have sent the league scores into the NRA already.

The results of the .22 league: First place is Team 2, 2nd place is Team 3, and 3rd place is Team 1.

See you at the Range,

Linda Newcomer, newcomerlk@verizon.net

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

Well, the weather did it to us again. The workday, which had been scheduled for Oct 29th, was cancelled due to "Snowtober"; can you believe it? We'll get another one up on the schedule, but it might not be until December. There will be an email blast when a date has been decided on. In the meanwhile, feel free to go out and work on things on your own if you need work hours. If you need direction, drop me an email or give me a call. There's still a list of things that need to be accomplished.

The Pins range is getting a new storage building. This will create some extra room in the shed for other targets. Charlie Shuman and Tom Lewis are performing the work. They have already begun the site preparation and are now waiting on the building to be built in pieces so they can get it into the location.

It seems necessary to remind everyone that shotguns are NOT permitted on either the Bull's Eye range or on the Multi-Purpose range. Shotgun wads have recently been found on both ranges. If you are going to shoot a shotgun out at MPC, please remember that shotguns are only allowed on the Steel and Pins ranges, and that only 7 ½, 8 or 9 lead shot is permitted. No slugs, no buckshot, and no steel shot.

Another reminder. Please remember that when shooting on the Bull's Eye range, all shooting must happen from behind the shooting benches. Recently, expended brass and misfires have been found on the 25 yard line which makes one believe that someone has been shooting from there.

The board, and specifically Tom Naugler, has been reviewing the MPC safety rules to clarify and condense them. The spirit of the rules are not changing and we aren't creating more. The aim of this exercise is to make sure that everyone understands the rules, and that they are in an easy to read format.

One specific question came up that I want to address to everyone. This has to do with the type of .22 LR ammo permitted at MPC and nomenclature. The key to remember is that we are restricting ammo to 1350 fps. The name has nothing to do with it. It can be called 'Mach 10 Super x-treme' ammo and as long as it comes out of the gun that you are using at 1350 fps or less, it is fine. If you have a question about how fast the various manufacturer's ammunition travels, most manufacturer's list the speed somewhere on the package. You could also try the manufacturer's website. Typically, when a speed is given, the test was performed with a 20" barrel. Therefore, from a pistol, the speed will be less.

If someone wants to take all the various manufacturers' .22 LR loads and chronograph them and then make a chart, we could post it to the website so that everyone could have a reference. This could also be considered for work hours. If anyone is interested in doing this, please let me know.

One last thing, and I really think that this is something that everyone should already know, but it is worth repeating. There are always a number of different ways to convey information to people, and, sometimes, it is not what you say but how you say it. If you see someone making a mistake (or forgetting about a rule) out on the range, if it is not a life-endangering mistake, take into consideration how you would like to be approached. Correct people kindly, and they (most often) will respond kindly and appreciate the help. If you intimidate or bully, people won't respond well. Especially if that member has a guest with them and the guest has forgotten about something specific. Remember that every member is a representative of the club and that guest's impression of the club might come from you. Don't you want it to be a favorable one? Everyone has a different way of doing things, and while their way might not be your way, it might not be wrong either. If you see someone doing something dangerous and their actions could result in death or dismemberment, by all means, stop them. If it is a simple rule violation, don't be a grump and yell at people or bully them. Please bring it to the match director's or CRSO's attention and let them deal with it in an appropriate manner.

If anyone has any comments or questions, feel free to contact me.

Jeremy

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By the time you read this you should have received your renewal form for 2012 (regular members). Probationary members will receive a renewal notice 1-month prior to your 1-year anniversary. If you have not received yours yet please get in contact with me. If you disagree with your match, meeting, or work time as I have listed let me know when you satisfied the requirement and I'll check into it. The match attendees trickle in at the last minute so I don't always have the most current information when I send the notices out. If you shot in a match please indicate which one (be specific) and what month. If you are not on the score sheet you did not shoot the match. Most club matches require you to shoot a certain number of strings to qualify as a match. If you attended a meeting and failed to sign in I have no way of verifying you were there. You will need to find 2-members who can verify that you were there. Work time can be paid for @ \$25 per hour if not met. Do not send your renewal in until you have satisfied your requirements. If you are unsure call or e-mail me and we will get it worked out. If you do not intend to renew your membership in 2012 I would appreciate any advanced notice.

It is your responsibility to make sure your requirements for renewal are met. Do not wait till the last minute to get your match requirement in. December can be a very unpredictable month with regard to weather.

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:

NOVEMBER MATCHES:

- 1st at 7pm MPC Board meeting
- 5th at 10 AM Falling Steel match
- 6th at 10 Am Critter match
- 6th at 10 AM Three Stage steel match
- 8th at 11 AM Cowboy match
- 12th at 10 AM Speed Steel Match
- 13th at 10 AM Rimfire Steel Match
- 15th at 7 PM MPC Membership meeting
- 19th at 10 AM Pins Match
- 27th at 1 PM Revolver match

DECEMBER MATCHES:

- 3rd at 10 AM Falling Steel Match
- 4th at 10 AM Critter match
- 4th at 10 AM Three Stage Steel
- 6th at 7 PM MPC Board meeting
- 10th at 10 AM Speed Steel
- 11th at 10 AM Rimfire Steel
- 13th at 11 AM Cowboy match
- 18th at 10 am Dueling Tree match
- 20th at 7 PM MPC membership meeting
- 25th RANGE CLOSED

JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM

Monocacy Pistol Club
Junior Rifle Team

As of Saturday, 15 October 2011, the following students have earned the indicated Winchester—NRA

Awards:

- Brenan Capicchioni Pro-Marksman
(Leo Escoto)
- Elizabeth Davis Pro-Marksman
(Fred Davis)
- Neil Kleczek Pro-Marksman,
Marksman (Ron Kleczek)
- William Kline Pro-Marksman,
Marksman (Tom Kline)
- David Lopez Pro-Marksman,
Marksman (Ralph Lopez)
- Stephen Shoemaker Pro-Marksman
(Fred Davis)

On Saturday, 15 October 2011, the Junior Club held its first 200 point rifle match. Results are as follows:

High Junior:	Neil Kleczek
166	
	David Lopez
146	
	William Kline
145	

High Sub-Junior: Brenan Capicchioni
@103

On Saturday, 8 October 2011, the Junior Club held its first 100 point parent rifle match. Results are as follows:

Winner:	Ron Kleczek	81
	Tom Kline	79
	Ralph Lopez	51
	Ofelia Escoto	46

Finally, Tom Kline and Ed Schoder have completed 16+ service hours this year in planning, preparing, and conducting the 2011 Monocacy Pistol Club Junior Rifle Team.

CLASSIFIEDS

Corn Cobb Media for Case Tumblers:

40 LBS bag of corn cob media \$26.93, includes shipping. To purchase: contact Drill Spot Company. Online at Drillspot.com/products/52. Phone orders @ 720-240-3660. Ask for item SKU 521055, 20-40 corn cob blast media. Shipped via: UPS in three to four days. Compare prices! A 6lb box of corn cob media at Cabelas is \$19.95.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Nationwide Reciprocity Bill

Dozens of states have passed Right-to-Carry laws over the past 25 years because the right to self-defense does not end when one leaves home. However, interstate recognition of those permits is not uniform. While many states have broad reciprocity, others have very restrictive reciprocity laws. H.R. 822, currently in the House, would solve this problem by requiring that lawfully issued carry permits be recognized nationwide, while protecting the ability of the various states to determine the areas where carrying is prohibited within their boundaries. The bill would require the states to recognize each others' carry permits, just as they recognize driver's licenses and carry permits held by armored car guards. Congressman Roscoe Bartlett is a co-sponsor. Under the bill, a MD resident with a permit issued by another state would be acknowledged as a lawful carrier in MD.