



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 2012

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Shooting is certainly winding down for the year, but work to be done and planning for next year is ongoing. Some people have chosen to not renew their membership for various personal reasons, but I certainly hope it wasn't because they didn't get a required meeting or match in during the year. Get those done reasonably early this next year and it shouldn't become a problem come November and December. Hopefully we will not fall victim to the weather problems that plagued us all year.

Elections will be held at the January meeting. Please try to be there or send in your proxy vote before the meeting. Everyone needs to supply their voice on the people they want to oversee the club. I know at this time, we will have at least, one Board position open- Chief Range Safety Officer. A reminder that your position as an elected member of the Board, will certainly fill your work requirement and your meeting requirement.

I will be running for reelection as club president and I will have a biography included later in this newsletter.

I pray that each of you will have peaceful new year.

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

2011 went by fast. We enjoyed record turnouts for most matches, and we introduced two new matches. Many thanks to Brian Stupar and Dave DiFonzo for their hard work on the new Dueling Tree Match and the new Paper & Steel match.

I have enjoyed my first year as the club's vice president. I started last January without a clue as to what the actual job would consist of, but the learning process began immediately after the election. Over the following 12 months the job further defined itself. Here is how I tried to get it done:

- Filled in for George when he wasn't available.
- Filled in for various match directors when they weren't available.
- Recognized the need for some clarifications to the range rules and worked with the board and the membership to clear up some ambiguities.
- Used the club's Facebook page to promote club activities. I found it to be useful for promoting club activities and for receiving feedback from members:
 - Two videos: The new dueling tree match, and a discussion between George & Leo about Jim Moore.
 - Feedback about some unintended consequences of the new range rules resulting in some additional edits.
- Tried to arbitrate some conflicts between some members. I wasn't expecting this one.

It has been a privilege to work with the membership and with the board to keep us moving in the right direction, and I hereby throw my hat in the ring for another term. A revised bio appears elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. Unfortunately, a scheduling conflict with the University will keep me from attending the election meeting in January, but I hope everyone else shows up and votes.

Happy New Year,

Tom Naugler

TREASURER'S CORNER

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

Things are slow on the range this time of the year. We are getting ready to have elections of officers for the club and have only one office open at this time. Jeremy Gray has decided not to run this year. As of this time I don't know if anyone is going to run. In order for our club to operate, we need members to participate in the running of the club. This means running for office. You get your say in how the club runs and this gets your work time in as well. I encourage any member to speak up and get involved in the operation of the club.

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

BULLS-EYE COLUMN

This time of the year I don't run any formal matches because of the cold. Targets are in the cabinet if anyone wants to shoot on the range for practice.

We will resume .22 league in May, and I will be starting bulls-eye matches in April after it warms up. I will be ordering .22 CCI Std. Ammo in March if anyone wants some, please let me know.

Linda Newcomer

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

As 2011 comes to a close, I want to wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2012! Also, for those who weren't in attendance at the December membership meeting, I announced that I am not going to be running for CRSO for 2012; I'm at a point in life where career and family life have to take precedence over extra-curricular activities. It was a difficult decision for me, but one that ultimately had to be made. I enjoy helping the club and participating in making the club a better place, but with only 24 hours in a day, I find myself without enough time to devote an adequate amount of time to the club. CRSO is an important job and it takes a good amount of time to do it correctly. My mother always told me that if you are going to do something make sure that you do it right!

I've had an interesting three years and I want to thank everyone for the support, the criticism and the input (even when it wasn't warranted!). The club exists for the membership and we need to all help. So, thank you all!

I will still participate as a Match Director and run the Falling Steel matches.

I hope that someone with enough energy and imagination will take up the gauntlet that is CRSO. It takes patience, time, understanding, knowledge and diplomacy. (Probably in that order) If you are a person who defines those attributes, dive in and help out!

In three years we've accomplished quite a bit. We've rehabed the Pins Range, standardized the match briefings, started an MPC RSO program and bought new equipment to keep the place looking good, to name a few. But, as always, there is still plenty to be done (and, I sent the list to Rick, so he has the other things that still need to be accomplished).

I'm glad and proud to have served as CRSO. Thank you all again and I'll see you out on the range!

I hope to see you all on the range!

Jeremy

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Happy New Year to everyone. It would appear as I write this that we will have membership openings to start the 2012 season so if you have a buddy who is interested in joining the club please contact me for a membership application. We have also had a good year for Junior Membership and I hope that 2012 will bring even more junior members to our club. If you have a son or daughter who is at least 12-years of age please consider signing them up.

I will be running for the membership chairman's position for 2012.

We currently have a total membership of 258 for regular and probationary and 8 junior members.

Regards, Rick Fiore

I encourage you to contact me by phone (301) 748-0397, or e-mail at hullhorr@yahoo.com with any questions or feedback.

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:

JANUARY MATCHES

- 1st @ 10am Three Stage steel match
- 3rd @ 7pm Monocacy Board Meeting
- 7th @ 10 am Falling Steel match
- 8th @ 10 am Rim-fire steel match
- 10th @ 11am Cowboy Action Shoot
- 14th @ 10 am Speed Steel
- 17th @ 7 pm MPC Membership meeting

FEBRUARY

- 4th @ 10 am Falling Steel Match
- 5th @ 10 am Three Stage Steel Match
- 7th @ 7 pm MPC Board Meeting
- 11th @ 10 am Speed Steel Match
- 12th @ 10 am Rim-fire steel Match
- 14th @ 11am Cowboy Action Shoot
- 21st @ 7 pm MPC Membership meeting

CLASSIFIEDS

No Classifieds Submitted this Month.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Nationwide Reciprocity Bill passes in the House

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, H.R. 822, would require states to recognize other states' carry while still protecting the ability of each to determine the areas where carrying is prohibited within their boundaries. The bill requires the states to recognize each others' carry permits, just as they recognize driver's licenses. In order for the bill to become law, though, it must pass in the Senate, and be signed by the President. The odds of either happening are near zero. Anti-gun democratic Senate leader Harry Reid's has made it clear the bill has a snowball's chance of even being considered in the Senate. Were it to somehow come to a vote, though and pass, Obama would undoubtedly reconfirm his anti-gun agenda and veto it. Nonetheless, the fact the bill made it as far as it did is noteworthy, and members are encouraged to contact Senators Mikulski and Cardin to urge them to bring the Senate version to a vote or to explain why they will not.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

BIOS for Members of the current Board of Directors, of the Monocacy Pistol Club.

1. Biography- George Bransom- Running for Club President

- I became a member of the Monocacy Pistol club in 1974. At that time the club was only the bullseye range with a tin roof over it. there was no nice parking lot or fenced area. You basically had to fight your way through the briars to get to the range. At that time there were far less than 100 members and the founding members could still be relied upon to plan all the work.
- Dues were \$25 and there was no background check or new member indoctrination. I took over the position of Chief Range Safety Officer about 1978 when the CRSO at the time retired. I held that position until the early 2000s when I retired from the police department after 32 years and I thought it was time for a break. During my time as CRSO I initiated the background checks, the new member indoctrination program, as well as planned and spear-headed many of the upgrades that were done to the club. I realized retirement wasn't good for me and I came back as President and for a while with the added duty of CRSO. I again tried retiring from those positions, but came back a second time as President. I am an NRA pistol and shotgun instructor, NRA referee, NRA CRSO, NRA master class pistol competitor, NRA recruiter, and NRA Life Benefactor member. I am currently a full time civilian instructor of police firearms with the state of Maryland. I told you retirement wasn't good for me.
- During my membership in the club we have expanded to 260 members, added three more ranges, and initiated a lot more matches. Most all of the work was done by the members, but it always took one person to spearhead the projects. That and the majority of work being done by a minority of members will probably never change.

- I have pushed hard these last few years to make the club a more family friendly place and push the youth to the forefront. That was done by members who stepped up and were willing to lead those particular projects. I personally thank each of them for their hard work and dedication.
- When I was CRSO and again when I first became President, a couple of the last founding members reminded me that I should do whatever I can to keep the club a safe and friendly place to shoot. I have tried to keep that at the forefront of my endeavors. If reelected as President I have every intention of keeping that covenant with the original members who are all gone now. I will continue to do whatever I can to further the youth involvement in our club.
- Thank you,
- George Bransom

2. Biography for Tom Naugler, running for Vice President.

My wife Paula and I have been members of the Monocacy Pistol Club twice over the past 20 years: 1992-1995 and 2008-present. The club is very important to both of us, and we are very grateful to the members of the board, the match directors, and the RSOs for all their hard work on our behalf. We feel fortunate to have a convenient, safe place to shoot - both independently and in organized matches.

That's why I ran for the office of vice president of the club for 2011 and why I am running for another term in 2012. Philosophically, I believe in collaborative decision making; i.e., no one of us is smarter than all of us, and a consensus is generally the best decision. That seemed to work well in 2011.

Credentials include:

- I am an NRA certified range safety officer,
- I have served as a substitute match director a few times,
- I spent six years in the National Guard carrying an M1 rifle and a 1911 pistol (That dates me☺).

I am retired from full-time work, but I keep busy teaching part-time. I will have plenty of time to devote to club business.

Thank You,

Tom Naugler.

3. Biography for Linda Newcomer, running for club Secretary.

My name is Linda Newcomer, I have been a member of the Monocacy Pistol club since 1996. I am a retired nurse. I have been running the bulls-eye portion of the club since about 1997, and have been Secretary of the club for the past 4 or 5 years. I am planning on running again for Secretary of the club. I will continue to be the Match Director for the Bulls-eye range, as well. I think I have a lot to offer to the club both as Secretary and Match Director.

I am a certified RSO from the NRA as well as from our club. I am a certified Pistol Instructor as well.

I am retired on disability and am currently helping to take care of my sick brother. I feel I have time to help the club as Secretary and match director.

2012 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	
Secretary	Linda Newcomer	
Treasurer	Greg Talamini	
Chief Range Safety Officer		
Membership Chairman	Rick Fiore	

Signature:	Date:
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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