

# SHARP SHOOTER

## FHRPC SUMMER/FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER

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### 2012 High Power Rifle League

The High Power Rifle League had a fantastic 2012 season. Aside from hosting the inaugural Maryland State Service Rifle Championship, during 2012 the League held five NRA-Approved Across-the-Course (XTC) League Matches, six NRA-Approved Mid-Range Prone & F-Class League Matches, three CMP-Sanctioned Service Rifle/EIC Matches, ten CMP-Sanctioned As-Issued Garand/Springfield/Vintage Rifle Matches, three Vintage Sniper Matches, four M1 Carbine/Rimfire Sporter Matches, and a Classic Service Rifle XTC Match. In total, we had **152 shooters** at our NRA and CMP XTC matches, **122 shooters** at the NRA Mid-Range matches, and **196 shooters** at our CMP Games events, for a grand total of **470 shooters!** This represents a **20% increase** in participation over the last two years! Highlights from this season for the NRA matches include **Dave Thompson** winning the NRA XTC League and earning High Master classifications in both High Power Rifle and Mid-Range Prone, **Dave Brantner** earning his High Master classification in Mid-Range Prone, **Danny Jackson, Jr** and **Leah Lechliter** earning Master classifications in High Power Rifle, and **Bill Lewis** earning his Master classification in F-Class Mid-Range. For the CMP-Sanctioned XTC matches, highlights include **Danny Jackson, Jr** winning EIC Gold and Silver Medals and earning a six-point Leg, **John Dowell** winning an EIC Gold Medal and earning a six-point Leg, and **Leah Lechliter** winning the Service Rifle Full Course Match. All match results are available here: <http://www.fhrpc.org/servicerifle/matchresults.html>

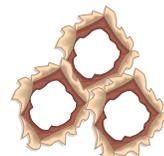
Numerous club members and regular league shooters traveled to Camp Butner, NC in May 2012 for the Eastern CMP Games and Creedmoor Cup Matches, as well as to Camp Perry in August 2012 for the National Trophy Rifle Matches. Highlights from the Camp Perry National Matches include **Matt Lechliter** earning a Gold Daniel Boone medal in the National Trophy Individual (NTI) match, **Dave Thompson** earning a Silver Daniel Boone medal in the NTI, and **John Dowell** earning a Bronze Daniel Boone medal in the NTI as well as a ten-point EIC Leg. Additionally, during the Eastern CMP Games and National CMP Games, league shooters brought home a few gold medals, several silver medals, and numerous bronze medals.

**Danny Jackson, Jr** earned the prestigious **Distinguished Rifleman badge** this season. Danny joins the following club members who have also earned the Distinguished Rifleman badge:



- Dave Brantner (1982, #462)
- Ron Schweninger (1992, #1001)
- Dave Thompson (2003, #1657)
- Terry Barnes (2004, #1675),
- Matt Lechliter (2010, USAF #330)

*Congratulations, Danny!*



# FHRPC HOSTS INAUGURAL MARYLAND STATE SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP



The FHRPC High Power Rifle League hosted the Inaugural CMP-Sanctioned Maryland State Service Rifle Championship on 22-23 September 2012 at the Warrior Mountain Range. This championship utilized an aggregate of a Service Rifle Full Course Match on Saturday, 22 September, and an Excellence-in-Competition Match (EIC) on Sunday, 23 September, for a total of a 1300-point aggregate. The weather turned out gorgeous, and there were 26 shooters competing over the two-day championship. When the final scores were tallied, Roman Podshivalov of Reston, Virginia took home top honors. Right on the heels of Roman and thus claiming Second Overall and Maryland Champion was Danny Jackson, Jr! Third Overall went to LCDR Joseph Zerby, a U.S. Navy Rifle Team shooter. The title of Senior Champion went to John Dowell, while Justin Read of Pennsylvania claimed Junior Champion, and the Woman Champion was Leah Lechliter.

For the Sunday EIC Match, 20 shooters competed, 18 of which were non-distinguished and eligible for EIC points. Justin Read became the first junior to win an EIC match at FHRPC, taking the EIC Gold Medal and a hard eight-point Leg. The EIC Silver Medal went to Danny Jackson, Jr, earning his final two Leg points, and the EIC Bronze Medal went to John Dowell.

A sincere thanks goes out to all the volunteers that worked hard maintaining and upgrading the Warrior Mountain Range this season and to those that volunteered their efforts for running the Maryland State Service Rifle Championship. This grand undertaking could never have been possible without their monumental effort and commitment!

## Junior Service Rifle shooters compete at the FHRPC Inaugural Maryland State Service Rifle Championship



**Wyatt Thomas**



**Matthew Forrester**



**DANNY JACKSON, JR.**  
Maryland Champion & 2nd Overall Champion



**LCDR JOSEPH ZERBY**  
Third Overall Champion



**ROMAN PODSHIVALOV**  
Overall Champion



**LEAH LECHLITER**  
Woman Champion



**JOHN DOWELL**  
Senior Champion



**JUSTIN READ**  
Junior Champion

## **RANGE IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES**

The Bullseye Pistol pavilion roof and fifty yard target carriers and berm are in need of replacement and or upgrades according to the officers and Bullseye League representatives. Work is scheduled to start shortly with some excavation being done by Buck Dayton, with loose shale being used from the impact berm. The removal of the impact berm behind the pistol pavilion was used to address low areas on berms at Morning Side.

The pavilion roof is going to be completely removed by members in February or March with an Indian summer style work party, with installation of a metal roof and trim to match our rifle shooting pavilion, by parties unknown at the writing of this article.

## **NRA ACTION PISTOL 2012**

The weekend of August 18 and 19 the Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club hosted our 4th annual Western Maryland Regional and Maryland State NRA Action Pistol Championships. The weather cooperated just long enough to get the matches completed Sunday, with light rain starting in the afternoon. This year we had a total of forty-seven registered competitors who fired a total of nearly 10,000 rounds by the end of the weekend. All the usual suspects were in attendance and again the cream rose to the top. Doug Koenig managed to break the National Record in the Modified Moving Target event he set last year at our match. This year Doug put 45 out of 48 rounds in the X ring and once again demonstrated he is not the typical action pistol shooter. With competitors coming from as far away as California and Canada, our new roof and picnic area at the rifle range proved to be a very welcome addition to our facilities. It proved to be the perfect place for volunteers to score targets, set up a computer for number crunching and score keeping, prepare, serve and eat lunch and give everyone a place to escape from the noise of the match and socialize until the awards ceremony. We are one of only three clubs in the country that offer both regional and state level championships in NRA action pistol and none of this would have been possible without volunteers Terry Wilson, Ed Gaglio, Jeff Wagoner, Tim Clark, Marvin Smith, Jim Soulsby, Frank Snyder, Bill Lewis, Steve Isner, my sister Carlene Dowell and my wife Kathy Dowell. A big thank you for a job very well done. At the club level we enjoyed the addition a few new shooters who have been bitten by the bug of action pistol. For those who haven't tried action pistol yet and would like a sport that's a bit faster paced than conventional pistol competition, with still the emphasis on accuracy, we encourage you to give it a try in 2013. Any handgun, any sights, any caliber, see you next year on the range.

## **2012 SMALLBORE LEAGUE**

Thanks to all who participated in this year's smallbore league. Due to changes in some peoples work schedules and the teens graduating and getting jobs and other responsibilities, we had fewer regular shooters this year than in the past. However, we had six new people come out and try the game, a few shot several matches. We hope a few will be back next year. Smallbore shooting is one of those games that take both good equipment and lots of practice to get good at. The club has all of the equipment that is needed if anyone would like to try. If you are interested shooting next year give me a call at 304 790 0441.

## **FORT HILL RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB TOP SHOT CONTEST**

We had a beautiful day for our newest club competition. Eight competitors shot four disciplines, high power prone, smallbore offhand, bullseye pistol and action pistol. Twenty shots were fired at each station and the title of the "FORT HILL RIFLE PISTOL CLUB TOP SHOT" went to the person with the top aggregate score.

This year's winner was John Dowell with an aggregate score of 740-16X out of a possible 800. Close behind were Steve Isner in second place and Ed Gaglio in third.

Special thanks to Frank Snyder for his help running the events. The competitors enjoyed the match and it is likely this event will be held again next year.

## **BENCH REST 2012**

The 2012 bench rest league culminated on Oct. 4th this year with a Steak feed and all the trimmings. Having a very successful year, attendance was up and the competition was very healthy to say the least. Firing over sixty matches through the summer months, the scores were close and many winners were decided by x-counts.

The overall season shooter with the best average turned out to be Jack Gauntz with a 248.33 overall average. Following closely was Bob Stahl sporting an average of 247.58. The next three in line were Bill Walsh, 246.41, Jim McCullough 246.07, and Jody Daughton 245.63.

Bench rest shooting will begin next year on Wed. evening 5:30 PM starting in late April. If this sound interesting to you, come out and watch and maybe even shoot a match or two. Or email Jim or Frank for more info. [Bearhillhunter@yahoo.com](mailto: Bearhillhunter@yahoo.com) or [flsnyder@verizon.net](mailto: flsnyder@verizon.net)

## BULLSEYE 2012

The Bullseye Pistol League had its best year since I have been shooting. With a ten o'clock morning match followed by a six thirty evening match on Tuesdays, Bullseye League accommodates quite a following of shooters. We had thirty seven shooters this year including two youth shooters who came out and shot under the supervision of Dennis Jedlowski. Alex Velandia and Aisa Wright are getting started the right way and we hope to see them again next year. BTW, Aisa shoots a little pink rifle but we're OK with that since starting with a rifle is the best way to begin. It should come as no surprise that our top shooters kept their standings for the last several years.

### The top five shooters were:

1. John Dowell, 94.7 %
2. Joe McDaniel, 90.4 %
3. Jack Snyder, 89.7 %
4. Terry Wilson, 89.2 %
5. Steve Isner, 86.8 %

It is a pleasure to note that this is Steve's first year shooting pistol with us. Other new shooters this year were Aisa Wright, Alex Velandia, Dennis Jedlowski, Rich Jedlowski and Steve Green (a revolver man, like myself).

If you have any inkling that Bullseye pistol is something you would like to try, by all means, please come out and join us. We shoot May through September on Tuesday at ten o'clock a.m. and six thirty p.m. All you need is a .22 pistol, preferably with at least a four inch barrel or longer, hearing and eye protection. Don't have a gun? Come out, you can shoot mine!

Have a great off-season and I will see you at the range!

James C. Soulsby, MSgt., USAF, Ret.

## SILHOUETTE LEAGUE 2012

If you could see the smile on my face right now, you would wonder what the heck is wrong with me. But to think, in just a few short years the Silhouette League has become the largest league in FHRPC with thirty two regular Thursday evening shooters this season. That's something to crow about for sure. I can see this league only growing stronger/larger particularly with our new incoming Chairman, Ed Gaglio. It's my hope that you will all vigorously support Ed, who I believe will take the league to the next level.

Like always there are people to thank. To my partner Jim Soulsby, thank you for everything, especially for being a good friend. To the many people that has contributed along the way, thank you, thank you. And never to forget Ed Gaglio for what he contributed to our league finance.

And now a new top shooter has arrived, Chris Bennett (20.67% with 15 matches in) who beat out Bill Lewis (20.57% with 14 matches in) by a tenth of a point. Following closely behind is John Dowell (19.91% with 11 matches in) and Ed Gaglio (19.80% with 15 matches in). Maybe next year guys. The leagues overall average is a respectable 12.39. I expect that to increase in the next few years. Stay warm the next few months and don't forget that we have a very important club meeting in February. See you all then.

Frank



## 2012 RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to all who participated in the 2012 Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club Rendezvous. The weather cooperated and it was a great day of fun and competition at the Warrior Mountain Range. Steve Isner, Ron Smith and Marvin Smith were there early to get the food court set up, the menu consisted of venison sausage, egg & cheese sandwiches, chili, taco soup, hotdogs, chips, coffee, sodas, donuts and Jack Riegel's fresh homemade cinnamon rolls, what a treat.

The 200 yard plate match was held at the range, competitors fired three consecutive shots at three crosstie plates from the offhand position. Winners would advance if they knocked down three consecutive plates, not an easy task as most of us found out. The winners were first place Chris Bennett (\$100), second place John Dowell (\$75), third place Austin Bennett (\$50). We finished the day out with a 50/50 drawing won by Marshall Riegel. All and all we had great day, the sportsmen's swap meet had some nice deals available as I made out on some useable items. After all expenses were taken care of the club broke even, not bad considering we all had a great day at the Rendezvous.

## DUES NOTICE

Membership dues for the Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club for the new calendar year are fifty dollars (\$50.00) due by December 31 of this year, with a grace period to the night of the annual meeting. No dues will be accepted after that night. Although you may renew your NRA membership through the club at any time, we encourage you to do so at the same time you pay your FHRPC dues. This streamlines the paperwork for those of us who do the paperwork and saves you an extra stamp. By renewing through the club you also save ten dollars and your club receives a rebate from the NRA. The NRA simply adds another year to your current membership expiration date so you don't lose a thing. So, should you wish to join or renew your NRA membership, fill out the enclosed NRA membership renewal form and write just one check made payable to the Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club for the total of club dues (\$50.00) plus NRA dues (\$25.00) with magazine or (\$10.00) without magazine. Mail to Chris Bennett, 11710 Morningside Drive NE, Cumberland, Maryland 21502, prior to December 31. New membership cards with new gate lock combination will be mailed shortly. Also, when you send in your dues, please include a legible note indicating your email address. By being able to contact club members via email our postage expenses will be greatly reduced and you could be notified of club activities and events, range closures, work parties, schedule changes and generally be kept abreast of what's happening in your club and at the ranges. This data will not be shared and you won't get a bunch of junk email from the club.

## COMBINATION CHANGES/ANNUAL MEETING

Combination changes at both ranges March 31st, to the easy to read number located on your new membership card. Please use both the combination and keyed locks when leaving the ranges for added security. **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Career Center for Technical Education (CCTE) on McMullen Highway, Cresaptown, MD. If school is closed due to weather, snow date is Friday, February 8, at 6:00 p.m. at CCTE.

**RANGE SAFETY:** 1. Firearms should be carried from vehicle to firing line cased. Otherwise, uncased firearm actions are required to be open. Use of chamber flags is encouraged. 2. Benches and target frame holders a color coded. Please use matching colors for proper range safety. *Thanks, Executive Officers*

***Correspondence via E-mail will save our club \$\$\$***

## FOUR NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are four new life members for membership year 2013, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are Steven D. Eaton, John W. Parrill, Douglas C. Schlosser and Richard G. Twigg. When you see these new Gold Life Card members congratulate them. That brings the total of life members up to 95.

# 2013 FORT HILL RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB SNOWBIRD MATCHES

## January 2013

Tues, Jan 1st Polar Bear Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

Sat, Jan 12th M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)

Sun, Jan 20th Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

## February 2013

Sun, Feb 3th M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)

Sat, Feb 9th Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

## March 2013

Sun, Mar 3th Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

Sun, Mar 10th Vintage Sniper Practice Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

Sat, Mar 16th M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)

## April 2013

Sat, April 6th and Sun, April 7th Range and Target Maintenance

Sat, April 13th and Sun, April 14th Range and Target Maintenance (Rain Date)

The “Polar Bear Match” is the club match where we shot the running deer and the offhand squirrel match. Bring your favorite deer rifle and squirrel rifle.

The course of fire for the “Vintage Sniper Practice Match” will be two slow fire stages where each shooter will fire 20 shots in twenty minutes at 300 and at 600 yards.

The “Garand/Springfield Matches” are the standard CMP vintage rifle match consisting of two 35 shot matches.

The “M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Matches” consist of one standard CMP Carbine match followed by one standard CMP Rimfire Sporter match. These matches are fun for the entire family. There is no requirement to participate in both matches.

All matches start promptly at 1000. Be at the range a minimum of 30 minutes before the match to allow for registration.

## ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PISTOL RANGE



# NRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NRA RECRUITER ID NUMBER: XC010920

TYPE OF NRA MEMBERSHIP: (please check one)  NEW  RENEWAL

NRA NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

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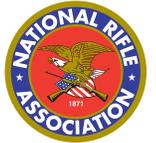
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MAGAZINE: (please check one)  AMERICAN RIFLEMAN  AMERICAN HUNTER

NRA DUES: (please select membership desired)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (with magazine) \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (no magazine) \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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