

SHARP SHOOTER

FHRPC SUMMER/FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER

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2013 HIGH POWER RIFLE LEAGUE

The High Power Rifle League had another great, albeit rather rainy, season. Aside from hosting the 2nd Annual Maryland State Service Rifle Championship, during 2013 the League held six NRA-Approved Across-the-Course (XTC) League Matches, six NRA-Approved Mid-Range Prone & F-Class League Matches, two CMP-Sanctioned Service Rifle Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches, seven CMP-Sanctioned As-Issued Garand/Springfield/Vintage Rifle Matches, one Vintage Sniper Match, and five M1 Carbine/Rimfire Sporter Matches. Highlights from this season for the NRA matches include **Dave Thompson** winning both the NRA High Power XTC League and the Mid-Range Prone League, and **Bill Lewis** winning the Mid-Range F-Class League. For the CMP matches, highlights include **Dave Thompson** winning an EIC Silver Medal, **Leah Lechliter** winning an EIC Bronze Medal and earning a six-point Leg, and **Roy Musselwhite** winning an EIC Bronze Medal. All match results are available here: <http://www.fhrpc.org/servicerifle/matchresults.html>

Club members earned numerous distinctions at other regional and national matches this season. During the Creedmoor Cup at Camp Butner, NC, **Matt Lechliter** topped the list of 128 service rifle competitors at a 600-yard match, **Michael Rhodes Jr.** finished 25th in the Rimfire Sporter Match at the 2013 Eastern Games Matches, earning him a Gold Medal for the event, and **Dave Thompson** finished 7th overall in the Eastern Games aggregate. At the Remington-Bushmaster Long Range Regional at Reade Range in June, **Leah Lechliter** was Woman Champion and took home a Remington shotgun, and **Dave Thompson** won the Master class. Highlight from the National Trophy Rifle Matches at Camp Perry in July and August include:



Colors at Camp Perry, OH on August 9, 2013

- **Danny Jackson, Jr.** earned the distinction of becoming one of the “President’s Hundred”, the top 100 competitors out of over 1300 in the President’s Match.
- **Leah Lechliter** made the “President’s Women Top 20”, and was also interviewed by ABC News for a segment on Camp Perry and the National Matches.
- **Dave Thompson** earned a Silver Daniel Boone medal in the National Trophy Individual (NTI) match. He also finished 6th in a field of 415 competitors in the National Vintage Military Match, earning a gold medal for the event, and finished 7th overall in the National Games Matches aggregate.
- **Don Schneider** finished 13th place in the National Carbine Match winning a Gold Medal at the annual event. Don’s finish placed him in the top 3% of a field of 476 competitors from across the nation.
- Fort Hill’s Vintage Sniper team comprised of **Danny Jackson, Sr.** and **Robert Hott** finished in 31st position out of 228 teams in the National Vintage Sniper match, earning a National Silver Medal for an event where each team fires a series of 40 precision shots at 300 and 600 yds in the strong winds blowing off of Lake Erie. **Danny Sr.** and **Bob** used a pair of M1903A4 sniper rifles that each built themselves from antique parts.

• **Danny Jackson, Jr.** finished 13th in a field of 679 competitors in the National Springfield Match, earning a Gold Medal for the event.

• During the National Long Range Rifle Championships, the **Fort Hill Gold** team (firing members **Dave Thompson, Leah Lechliter, and Matt Lechliter**) won the high Master team in the Roumanian Trophy Team match, won the ‘Master-State Association or Local Club’ category in the Herrick Trophy Team match, and was 2nd overall in the Palma Team Match (Any Rifle).



Danny Jackson, Jr. being awarded his Distinguished Rifleman Badge onstage at Camp Perry 2013



Leah Lechliter - Remington Bushmaster Long Range Regional Woman Champion



Dave Thompson (center) – Remington Bushmaster Long Range Regional Master Champion



2013 MARYLAND STATE SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

The FHRPC High Power Rifle League hosted the 2nd Annual CMP-Sanctioned Maryland State Service Rifle Championship on 21-22 September 2013 at the Warrior Mountain Range. As with the inaugural championship last fall, this championship utilized an aggregate of a Service Rifle Full Course Match on Saturday, 21 September and an Excellence-in-Competition Match (EIC) on Sunday, 22 September, for a total of a 1300-point aggregate. The weather mostly cooperated, and there were 30 shooters competing over the two-day championship. Once the final scores were tallied, Leah Lechliter was declared the 2013 Maryland State Service Rifle Champion, winning the championship by a single X! Immediately behind and thus claiming Second Overall was Roy Musselwhite, who also earned the title of Maryland Champion. Third Overall went to Andrew LeClair, from State College, Pennsylvania, but only a single point separated the top three positions! Robert McClain from the West Virginia Junior Rifle Team claimed Junior Champion, while the title of Senior Champion went to Roger Bloss.

For the Sunday EIC Match, 28 shooters competed, 27 of which were non-distinguished and eligible for EIC points. Roman Podshivalov, last year's Maryland State Service Rifle Champion, took home the EIC Gold Medal and an eight-point Leg. The EIC Silver Medal and a six-point Leg went to Tim Bloss, and the EIC Bronze Medal and another six-point Leg went to Justin Read.



Roy Musselwhite – 2nd Overall and Maryland State Champion



Leah Lechliter – 2013 Maryland State Service Rifle Champion



Roger Bloss Senior Champion

2013 NRA RANGE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Again in 2013 the NRA was gracious enough to grant the FHRPC with a \$2,000 range development grant. With these funds many much needed repairs and improvements were made to the Morningside Drive ranges. Work completed included application of stain and wood preservative to all the wooden bulletproof walls at the action pistol range, bulls-eye pistol range and rifle range. Additional gravel was added to the new walls between the rifle range and the parking lot as well as fabrication and installation of galvanized caps for the new walls. The pistol range roof was repaired and given a coat or two of roofing sealer in hopes to remedy the leaks and extend the life a few more years until replacement is economically feasible. Also, fencing was installed on top of the action pistol, bulls-eye pistol and new multipurpose range impact area. This fencing should minimize the chance of an unsuspecting person (or wildlife) accidentally falling from the edge of the earthen excavation. Throughout the years the NRA has financially supported our club range development numerous times. These funds have significantly assisted us in the creation of the facilities we presently enjoy. Every chance you get, support the NRA, we're all in this together.

SR-50 MATCHES

Dear Member,

What is SR-50? Standing off hand using Small Bore rifle in .22 L.R. at 50 yards shooting at letter size paper target with the X ring, 10 ring and 9 ring which totals three inches in size, making up the black circle. With 8, 7, 6 and 5 rings making up the rest of the scoring target.

When: Match will start when you get there between 5 and 7 p.m. (no shooters after 7 p.m. as we want to be home at eight) on Monday evenings at Morningside Range. Total time takes one hour or less.

I will supply targets, three targets per match cost \$2.00 per match.....One sighter target up to 10 shots in a 10 minute period, first target 20 shots for score in a 25 minute period, second target 20 shots for score in a 25 minute period. Scoring of targets will be done by yours truly when completed.

You will supply the 50 rounds of .22 L.R. ammo to complete the course of fire.

You are not competing against any one, only yourself.

Terrific practice for any shooter that participates in small bore silhouette or any off hand course of fire.

A couple years ago Marty Harsh ran similar matches on Monday evenings and my brother and I both agreed it was good practice for silhouette.

It was my wish to rekindle these matches which occurred on Monday, June 3, 2013 and we had between 8 – 12 shooters on any given Monday evening for the rest of the shooting season. It was good practice, a good time and didn't take a lot of time and ammo to compete.

This upcoming season we will start SR-50 matches the first Monday after Silhouette League starts.

Marvin

BENCH REST LEAGUE

The BR league completed the 2013 season having its annual steak feed with all the trimmings cooked by master chef's Dan James & Jim McCullough. High praises were given to both regarding the quality of the dinner.

High shooter and big money winner for 2013 is Jack Gauntz with an impressive 248.38 average. Following next in average is Bill Walsh with a 247.77. Third and fourth places were picked up by Bob Wainwright and Kermit Wimer with a 246.84 and a 246.83 respectively. Twenty different shooters competed in this year's matches. A big thank you goes to Christi McCullough and Clayton Blume for acting as our scorer's this year, scoring approx... 900 targets.

The 2014 BR season will begin in late April weather permitting. Anyone interested in joining or wanting information on the BR league, call Dan James (304-726-4361) or Jim McCullough (240-580-4868) and Frank Snyder (301-777-1298).

SILHOUETTE LEAGUE 2013

Well sadly the 2013 season for the FHRPC Silhouette league has come to an end. This year we have continued to increase the number of shooters in the league and on the firing line. In the spring of 2012 we revamped our target rails to accommodate four shooters on each animal allowing us to have sixteen shooters on the firing line (When I started shooting Silhouette in 2003 we had eight shooters on the line). In 2013 we were able to have sixteen shooters on the line for one relay due to new shooters. As of this year, we had four ladies participating in league matches, two were so new we allowed them to use the bench to shoot from. By doing so they were able to get comfortable with the match play. I am glad to say by the end of the season all the ladies were shooting offhand and doing well. Having shooters at the benches prevented us from having 16 shooters on the line because we have to be out in the gravel in front of the benches to allow room for everyone. In the coming year, we are looking to place concrete pads in front of the benches to provide a flat level surface to stand on. We had 39 shooters in all this season with an average match size of 22 shooters per match.

The high shooters this season were Bill Lewis & Ed Gaglio who tied for first with an overall average of 19.9 with Bill edging Ed out with a higher average on the Turkeys, Chris Bennett finished third with an average score of 19.4. I mention the scores because it is a competition but in all honesty the scores mean nothing. The fellowship with the rest of shooters is the best part. Seeing how they tease and interact with each other or when a new shooter comes to play veteran shooters offer sage advice without being overbearing making them feel comfortable and not overwhelmed.

So if you want to try your hand at this fun offhand game come on out, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday nights April through August. What have you got to lose.

Ed Gaglio

PISTOL LEAGUE SUMMARY

The 2013 FHRPC's Pistol League was completed on Sunday Sept. 25 having an "1800" match consisting of 90 rounds shot with a rim fire hand gun and 90 round fired from a center fire handgun. Thirteen shooters braved the weather which consisted of rain and wind. Top shooter was John Dowell with a point score of 1659-48X's. Jack Snyder followed up with a 1621-33X's. Ed Gaglio & Steve Isner came in third & fourth with 1486-16X's and 1470-14X's respectively. Top shooters for the "2700" fired on three separate occasions this summer was John Dowell 2511-77X's Jack Snyder 2417-43X's Frank Snyder 2309-32X's. Hunter Breakall was top shooter with a rim fire only score of 2314-14X's.

Over all season average totals went like this, John Dowell with a 94.208 averages, Joe McDaniel 92.091 average, Jack Snyder 90.198 and Terry Wilson 88.612 average. There were thirty eight shooters participating in the 2013 season; including five first time shooters. If anyone is interested in shooting hand gun next year, please call Steve Isner at 301-268-8696 or Jim Soulsby at 301-724-0424. You need only a .22 cal. semi-auto or revolver hand gun to start. There are two match times for shooters to use. The early match is at 10AM Tuesday morning and 6:30 PM every Tuesday evening.

Frank

THREE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are three new life members for membership year 2014, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are Carl L. Upole, W. Bryan Walkup and Daniel F. Webster. When you see these new Gold Life Card members congratulate them. That brings the total of life members up to 97.

COMBINATION CHANGES/ANNUAL MEETING

Combination changes at both ranges March 29th, 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. **New on the back** of your membership card is additional information. **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2014 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 14, at 6:00 p.m. at CCTE.

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

Thanks, Executive Officers

FORT HILL SNOWBIRD MATCH SCHEDULE: 2014

JANUARY 2014

Sat, Jan 11th–M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)
Sun, Jan 19th–Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

FEBRUARY 2014

Sun, Feb 2nd–M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)
Sat, Feb 8th–Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

MARCH 2014

Sun, Mar 2nd–Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)
Sun, Mar 9th–Vintage Sniper Practice Match (Warrior Mountain Range)
Sat, Mar 22nd–M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)

APRIL 2014

Sat, Mar 29th and 30th–Range and Target Maintenance
Sat, April 5th and Sun, April 6th–Range and Target Maintenance (Rain Date)

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

GRAINS OF INFO

The Monday Black Powder Shooters had a good year. We picked up several new shooters. In addition to our regular Monday night matches members attended Black Powder matches and did very well on the local, state and regional level in MD, PA and WV. We welcome anyone with a black powder rifle or pistol both traditional and modern inline to come out on Mondays from 4:00 and after and join in the fun. We will continue to shoot through the fall until the weather turns cold. If you have any questions please call Roger Rowe at 301-707-1840 or Mike Winter at 301-729-3540. Mike Winter informed me recently that the Smokepole shooters gave a \$25.00 donation to FHRPC. Thanks for the contribution.

Some talk has been circulating about having a gun raffle, ideas include all members to participate, two tickets per member, ten dollars each raffle ticket, turn in your two raffle stubs together by a certain date and receive one bonus raffle ticket free. Sell five more raffle tickets and receive one bonus raffle ticket free. Again these are some ideas which have everyone participating, more discussion to follow at the Annual Meeting. Proceeds from this raffle and future raffles could go to building a new pavilion at the Bulls-eye range and extending the pavilion over to and covering the firing line at the undesignated range. Proceeds could also be used at WMR2 for drainage work, where water on the shooting deck from the 300 yard firing point to the numbered signs is an issue. Cutting back the foliage which is encroaching on a large part of that range.

Harrisburg Outdoor Show: www.GreatAmericanOutdoorShow.org The World's Largest Outdoor Show brought to you by the NRA. February 1-9, 2014 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. Over 650,000 square feet of exhibit space! Hunting, Shooting, Archery, Fishing, Camping, Boating, Motorsports, RV's. And much more! Mark your calendars!

Steel Plate Targets: FHRPC has purchased a half sheet of AR-500 through Potomac Metals. Danny Jackson has laid out various targets in different dimensions from a computer program to best utilize the entire 4x4 sheet. Members are asked to maintain impact velocities at or less than 3,000 fps to help with the life of the plate targets at both ranges.

Work Party Complete: The scene was 8:00 a.m. at MSR1 on September 7, 2013 and FHRPC had 32 volunteers on hand and they were eating a six course Clayton Blume breakfast. "Pass the home fries, please." Work that was accomplished: Installed fencing on the ridge above all pistol range impact berms and above the undesignated new range: Backfilled with #57 gravel inside wooden wall alongside the parking lot: Built loft in tractor shed: Cut cardboard and attach to target frames: Clean gutters: Screw down loose roofing sheets, spread roof coating on Bulls-eye Pistol pavilion roof: Weed wacking and mowing of areas around the range: Spread remaining #57 gravel in low areas of parking lot and fill in potholes on range road: Built new shotgun target frame: All in all a terrific turn out, a lot of work was completed. Thanks to all the members who gave of their time, energy and equipment.

SIGHT-IN DAYS HELD

Sight-In days for local deer hunters was held on Sunday, Nov. 17th, Saturday, Nov. 23rd and Sunday, Nov. 24th. The Morning Side Range was opened between the hours of 900 hours thru 1500 hours, according to Executive Officer, Steve Isner. As in past years, FHRPC opens it Morning Side Range to deer hunters needing to site in their center fire rifles. On hand to work with them and manning the shooting benches were veteran shooters Kenny Fuller, Jim Detrick, Tom Malony, "Beatle" Bailey, Bill Gero, Ed Gaglio, Chris Bennett and Barry Fickes.

Some upkeep to target frames and groundskeeping was also going on. Mick Malone and John Dowell were busy refacing target frames on Saturday. On the first Sunday John Dowell, Steve Isner, Danny Jackson, Cliff Bennett and Ed Gaglio were blowing the leaves out of the road ditch to allow proper drainage and in general cleaning up the range grounds.

Cooking for this crew for breakfast and lunch on all three days was head cook Clayton Blume, needless to say all was good. The lunch dishes brought out by club members Jack Reigel, Dan Wakefoose, Marvin Smith rounded out the fact that there was plenty of good food to eat.

A big thank you goes out to all that were involved in pulling off another successful community service. This year's free will Sight-In Days donations were \$243.26.

2013 RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to all who participated in the 2013 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, donuts, coffee, sodas.

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 Austin Bennett, second place Steve Isner, third place John Dowell.

The lever action Balloon match was a first, with various size balloons stapled in rows of five to the target frames at fifty yards on the Silhouette range. The object was to bust five balloons in one row to advance to the winners circle, again not an easy task.

All calibers any sights were allowed, what a hoot to shoot various calibers as participants were more than willing almost pushy, to let you shoot their guns. I believe Chris Bennett came out on top and showed us his "Rifleman" style.

After expenses were taken care of the club broke even, not bad considering we had a wonderful day in the outdoors with like minded shooting friends/enthusiasts.



In Memoriam

FHRPC LOSES MARTIN D. HARSH, III



The Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club lost a good and faithful friend recently. Martin D. "Marty" Harsh III was a 23 year member, having joined the club in 1990. He was born September 28, 1953 in Williamsport, MD and passed from this earth to his greater glory in the early morning of December 12, 2013 at home. It was with great sadness when we his friends at FHRPC heard of his passing. Marty or "Mad Dog" as his close friends and/or members of the Service Rifle League fondly referred to him as was a longtime Service Rifle shooter and enjoyed all phases of his passion. Marty devoted much of his time promoting the sport, mentoring new shooters and shooting competitively at Camp Perry, OH and Camp Butner, NC and his favorite, Warrior Mountain.

As a FHRPC member Marty did not sit on the sidelines, always involved. He never saw a burning barrel he didn't like. LOL Seriously, he was the club's secretary/membership secretary from February 2001 – February 2006 and was executive officer of WMR2 in 2011 and active on the Maryland Pistol Handgun Roster Board in Baltimore for three years.

His friends at FHRPC will surely miss him and his deep barrel laugh.

NRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NRA RECRUITER ID NUMBER: XC010920

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

NRA NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

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	\$ _____
3 YEAR MEMBERSHIP	\$ 70.00	\$ _____
5 YEAR MEMBERSHIP	\$ 100.00	\$ _____
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$ 750.00	\$ _____



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