

SHARP SHOOTER

FHRPC SUMMER/FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER

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THE RAFFLE AT THE RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to all who participated in the 2014 Gun Raffle Rendezvous at Morningside. The event would not have happened without your involvement, special thanks go out to the Raffle Committee; Ed Gaglio, Jim & Christi McCullough, Bob Wainwright, Allan Shively and Butch Shrives without their work the raffle would not have happened.

The raffle results are that 86.5% of the total membership bought or sold or returned their two tickets to be redistributed (and those few returned tickets, were all sold).

Sixty two members and friends stepped up and bought or sold another five hundred raffle tickets to take us over the top, twelve hundred and some tickets sold.

After all the expenses for the Gun Raffle/Rendezvous the net profit was \$8,183.34 which makes the Gun Raffle Rendezvous at Morningside a complete success.

Raffle Winners were;

1. Bill Lewis, Cumberland, MD – Remington BDL Model 700 in .270 caliber.
2. Charles Knippenberg, II, Cumberland, MD – Henry Big Boy in .45 colt.
3. Rodney Wertz, Frostburg, MD – Weatherby Vanguard in 7mm-08 caliber.
4. Bradley Nee, Bedford, PA – Savage Mark II in .22LR caliber.
5. Andy Weimer, Salisbury, PA – Henry Golden Boy in .22LR caliber.
6. Bill Harris, LaVale, MD – Ruger Hawkeye in .308 caliber.

Thanks to the sponsor Ray Snyder trading as Ray's Guns in Fort Ashby, WV.



A special thanks to life member Jim Moore for his donation of a “Sportsmen Goodie Box” full of prizes that were raffled off and generated funds for FHRPC.

The weather cooperated and it was a great day of fun and competition at the Morningside Range. Jim & Christi McCullough and Clayton Blume made sure we were all fed breakfast and lunch and the food was delicious as usual. Ducky Riegel made three or four trays of his homemade cinnamon rolls and someone else brought a banana split cake, the sugar fix was definitely on. Thanks to Ed Gaglio for the soft drinks.

The 100 yard plate match was held at the Morningside rifle range, the winners for this event in finishing order were Austin Bennett, Steve Isner and John Dowell.

The 50 yard lever action match was held at the undesignated range, the winners for this event in finishing order were John Dowell, Ed Gaglio and Cliff Bennett.





Rendezvous at Morningside Center Fire Plate Match winners, L to R are Steve Isner (2), Austin Bennett (1) and John Dowell (3).



Member and NRA rifle instructor, Ed Gaglio instructs junior shooter, Willie O'Boyle on AR platform rifle.



Taking advantage of the swap meet are L to R, Roger Bloss, Sr., Austin Bennett at Danny Showalters truck.

DEMO AND CONSTRUCTION BULLSEYE FIRING LINE

The construction process started with the demolition of the old cover at the Bullseye firing line at Morningside Range. Approximately twenty five volunteers showed up on September 27th and 28th and leveled the old pavilion.

I will list the volunteers if I missed some one, please excuse me. When you see them in the future thank them, for their hard work and a job well done.

MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEERS

Roger Rowe, Frank Snyder, Chris Bennett, Jim McCullough, Mark VanTyne, Bob Hott, Steve Oster, Ed Gaglio, Ben Wolters, Steve Isner, Bill Lewis, Jack Riegel, Ernie Stouffer, Marvin Smith, Dennis & Rick Jedlowski, Tim Clark, Dave Gentry, Clay Blume, Mike Winters, Ron Smith, Bruce Peck, Tom Maloney, Jim Osbourne, Darrell Twigg.

CONSTRUCTION BULLSEYE PAVILION



Construction started on the new Bullseye Pavilion at the end of October and was plus or minus eight days in duration. We went under contract with Frontier Builders owned by Todd Ritchey with the low bid for the project. Some of the work completed included 15 X 84 foot pavilion, a 12 X 84 broom finish concrete pad, a electrical conduit ditch, new panel box and lights.

A full report will be given at the Annual Meeting in February. A special thanks to Cliff Bennett for getting Todd Ritchey to bid on this project. And to John Dowell for project managing and keeping the club's interest at the forefront during construction.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2015 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 13, at 6:00 p.m. at CCTE.

2014 HIGH POWER RIFLE LEAGUE

FORT HILL RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB HIGH POWER RIFLE LEAGUE



The High Power Rifle League had a great 2014 season. In addition to hosting the 3rd Annual Maryland State Service Rifle Championship, during 2014 the League held six NRA-Approved Across The Course League Matches, six NRA-Approved Mid-Range Prone & F-Class League Matches, two CMP-Sanctioned Service Rifle Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches, five CMP Sanctioned As-Issued Garand/ Springfield/ Vintage Rifle Matches, one Vintage Sniper Match, five M1 Carbine/Rimfire Sporter Matches, and one M1A Match. Highlights from this season for the NRA matches include Matt Lechliter winning the NRA High Power Across The Course League, Dave Thompson winning the NRA Mid-Range Prone League, and Bill Lewis winning the Mid-Range F-Class League. Owen Lechliter, age 8, became the newest competitor in the league and earned his F-Class Mid-Range Sharpshooter classification! For the CMP matches, highlights include John Dowell winning an EIC Gold Medal and earning a six-point Leg, John Dowell also winning an EIC Silver Medal, and Tim Bloss winning an EIC Bronze Medal. All match results are available here: <http://www.fhrpc.org/servicerifle/matchresults.html>

Club members attained numerous distinctions at other regional and national matches this season. During the Sinclair East Coast Fullbore Nationals in April, Dave Thompson and Matt Lechliter both set new national records! During the 300-yard match, Dave fired a perfect 100-10x, plus 1 additional X during continuation of fire, and during the 600-yard match, Matt fired a 100-9X. Matt and Dave went on to place Second and Third Overall in the championship, respectively.

During the 2014 Eastern CMP Games at Camp Butner, NC, in May, Michael Rhodes, Jr. finished 4th in the Garand Match out of 229 competitors, Danny Jackson, Jr. placed 3rd in the Carbine Match, Kristian Jensen finished 9th in the Modern Military Match, and Dave Thompson won the Springfield Match, finished 2nd in the Vintage and Carbine Matches, and placed Second Overall in the Four Gun Aggregate. At the Remington Long Range Regional at Reade Range in June, Matt Lechliter was Overall Champion out of 100 competitors and took home a Remington 1911R1S and the NRA Regional Championship Gold Medal. At the National Mid-Range Rifle

Championship at Camp Perry in July, Matt Lechliter placed 6th overall in the Palma division. During the National Long Range Rifle Championship at Camp Perry in August, Dave Thompson became a member of the NRA "448 Club", and Matt Lechliter earned the prestigious "Palma 20" distinction when he placed 6th overall out of 282 competitors during the Palma Match. Finally, at the Palma Team Match, the Fort Hill Gold team truly excelled. At this match, our team beat every single rifle club, every single state association, the USMC Rifle Team, and the All Guard Rifle Team. In fact, our team was only bested by the U.S. Palma Team, the British Palma Team, and the elite Army Marksmanship Unit!



Dave Thompson, 3rd and Matt Lechliter, 2nd
Sinclair East Coast Fullbore Nationals



Matt Lechliter - 2014 Remington Long Range
Regional Overall Champion



Owen Lechliter
F-Class Sharpshooter



2014 MARYLAND STATE SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

The FHRPC High Power Rifle League hosted the 3rd Annual CMP-Sanctioned Maryland State Service Rifle Championship on 27-28 September 2014 at the Warrior Mountain Range. This championship utilized an aggregate of a Service Rifle Full Course Match on Saturday, 27 September, and an Excellence-in-Competition Match (EIC) on Sunday, 28 September, for a total of a 1300-point aggregate. The weather couldn't have been more perfect, and there were 39 shooters competing over the two-day championship. Once the final scores were tallied, Dave Thompson was crowned the 2014 Maryland State Service Rifle Champion! Second Overall was Roman Podshivalov, and Third Overall went to Dominic Thome, who also captured the Junior Champion title. On the heels of Dominic was Roy Musselwhite, who earned the title of Maryland Champion for his second year straight! Lauren Owens from the West Virginia Junior Rifle Team claimed Woman Champion, while the title of Senior Champion went to John Dowell.

For the Sunday EIC Match, 26 shooters competed, 22 of which were non-distinguished and eligible for EIC points. In addition to being this year's Maryland State Service Rifle Champion, Dave Thompson took home the EIC Gold Medal. The EIC Silver Medal and an eight-point Leg went to Matthew Lovre, a junior from Pennsylvania, and the EIC Bronze Medal and a six-point Leg went to Roman Podshivalov, who crossed the 30-point threshold and has now earned the title of Distinguished Rifleman!

A special thanks goes out to Leah Lechliter, who helped Matt with running the championship.



Roy Musselwhite
Maryland Champion



Dave Thompson – 2014 Maryland
State Service Rifle Champion



John Dowell
Senior Champion

FORT HILL SNOWBIRD MATCH SCHEDULE

January 2015

Thurs., Jan 1st Polar Bear Match (Rattle-Battle and Plate Match at WMR)
Sat, Jan 10th Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)
Sun, Jan 18th Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

February 2015

Sun, Feb 1st Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)
Sat, Feb 21st Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

March 2015

Sun, Mar 1st Garand/Springfield/Vintage Match (Warrior Mountain Range)
Sun, Mar 15th Vintage Sniper Practice Match (Warrior Mountain Range)
Sat, Mar 21st M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)
Sat, Mar 28th and 29th Range and Target Maintenance (Warrior Mountain Range)

April 2015

Sat, April 4th Target Maintenance (Rain Date)

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



BENCH REST LEAGUE

The 2014 Bench Rest season went well considering the lack of good ammo plus the increase in price. This caused the reduction in the number of shooters and some scores as well. The best overall average with 20 or more matches shot is Bob (Bob a Lou) Wainwright having a 247.38 average. Second shooter is Jack Gauntz with a 247.30 average, third is Bill Walsh sporting a 246.66 average. Great big thanks go to Christie & Jim McCullough for chairing the league which ran quite smoothly. During the last match of the year a steak dinner with all the trimming was held having Master Chef Dan James cooking the steaks. This cook out is something every shooter should experience at least once. New season will start around last of April or early May 2015. If interested please call Dan James 304-738-4983, Jim McCullough 240-580-4868 or Frank Snyder 301-777-1298 **Frank S.**

BULLSEYE PISTOL LEAGUE

With a new chairman in place for this year, league activity ran smoothly. As always John Dowell took the top overall score for the year with a 92.28 average. Second place goes to Joe McDaniel with an 89.00 average. Jack Snyder took up the third spot with an 87.51. Top rim-fire shooter is Hunter Brakeall boosting an average of 88.13. Second place with the rim-fire is Rich Jedlowski and third is Dan Buzzard having an 85.94 average. The final match came on Sept. 27th and after that match the shooters removed the old covered firing point; completing the job the next day with the help of many other good members.

Now we all wait patiently for the completion of our new covered firing point and our next year to start in May 2015. If you are interested in joining next year, call Steve Isner at 301-268-8696 or Jim Soulsby at 301-724-0724 or Frank Snyder 301-777-1298.

WORK PARTIES HELD

Two recent work parties were held on September 27th and 28th with one being the razing of the old bullseye pistol pavilion. With twenty-five club members doing the demolition in less than two days.

The Volunteers were; Roger Rowe, Frank Snyder, Chris Bennett, Jim McCullough, Mark VanTyne, Bob Hott, Steve Oster, Ed Gaglio, Ben Wolters, Steve Isner, Bill Lewis, Jack Riegel, Ernie Stouffer, Marvin Smith, Dennis & Rick Jedlowski, Tim Clark, Dave Gentry, Clay Blume, Mike Winters, Ron Smith, Bruce Peck, Tom Maloney, Jim Osbourne, Darrell Twigg.

To member Darrell Twigg, special thanks for bringing his bobcat out to remove poles and blacktop on September 28th.

The second work party was held Saturday, October 11th with the addition of the pole mounted switch boxes for the lights above each bench at Morningside's rifle pavilion. On hand were Terry Himmler, Chris Bennett, Danny Jackson, Jr., Ron Smith, Frank Snyder, Clayton Blume and Marvin Smith. Thanks to all who volunteer; it's what makes the club a special place.

THE FORT HILL FLINTERS

The Fort Hill Flinters Monday night black powder league finished up a great season with the third annual Fred Kreiger black powder blanket shoot and steak feed at the Warrior Mtn. Range on Oct. 11th. Jackie Miller made and donated a nice shooting bag and Gary Miller won it on a drawing. Jeff McCullough was the top shooter of the day. We had a good turnout, a great time; good food cooked by Jim McCullough and even had some old friends show up. It was a great day.

We had a good season, had lots of fun and made a lot of smoke. Members traveled to shooting events in Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and shot on the local, state and national level. They did very well in every shooting event they entered. Our own Jeff McCullough shot in the Territorial Match and did very well and is now rated by the NMLRA as one of the top shooters in the country. It was a very good year for the Fort Hill Flinters and we are looking forward to more of the same next year. Bring your smoke pole out and join us next year every Monday evening from April to October. **Roger Rowe**

SILHOUETTE LEAGUE

The silhouette league of the Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club finished another season. We continue to recruit more shooters from all levels of skill from novice to seasoned competitors. I am glad to report that all shooters found the silhouette match challenging and sometimes-frustrating. (Ex. Shooting the first bank of targets well and then losing the handle on the second bank of the same targets, or being able to hit the long range targets but not the short range.) This is what makes this match so much fun to shoot; it challenges all to focus on the "One Round Match". We've had shooters of all age groups and genders try their hand at knocking down these farm animal. If you just want to try this sport come out there is always someone there that will help you get a feel for the match, beginner tips on rifles & scopes, more than likely you will be able to try different guns and stock styles from basic off the rack rifles to custom rifles & stocks. Come on out and give silhouette shooting a try, who knows you might get hooked.

Thanks to all the shooters for making Thursday nights so much fun.

Our season high shooters were: **1st Place**—Chris Bennett with a 21.1 avg. **2nd Place**—John Dowell with a 19.8 avg. **3rd Place**—Bill Lewis with a 19.1 avg.

I want to give special Thanks to Jim & Christi McCullough for preparing our picnic meals throughout the season.

Ed Gaglio

GRAINS OF INFO

FIFTEEN NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are fifteen new life members for membership year 2015, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are Brook C. Atkinson, Christopher J. Bennett, David H. Brantner, David J. Brown, Daniel J. Feller, Alex L. Gross, Jr., John R. Hamilton, Thomas J. Langley, Kevin M. Malony, Michael H. Noyles, Shannon R. Peterson, Richard A. Rice, Robert E. Speicher, Michael Taylor and David J. Thompson. When you see these new Gold Card Life Members congratulate them. This will bring the total of life members up to 110.

2014 NRA RANGE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Again in 2014 the NRA was gracious enough to grant the FHRPC with a \$3,000 range development grant. With these funds many much needed improvements are in the process at Morningside and Warrior Mountain Ranges. The old Bullseye Pistol pavilion has been razed to make way for the construction of a new pavilion at Morningside. Plans are being discussed and made for excavation work at Warrior Mtn.

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.

SIGHT-IN DAYS HELD

Sight-In days for local deer hunters was held on Sunday, Nov. 16th, Saturday, Nov. 22nd and Sunday, Nov. 23rd. The Morning Side Range was opened between the hours of 1000 hours thru 1500 hours, according to Executive Officer, Steve Isner. As in past years, FHRPC opens it's Morning Side Range to deer hunters needing to sight in their center fire rifles. On hand to work with them and manning the shooting benches were veteran shooters Kenny Fuller, Bill Bittner, Cliff Bennett, Ed Gaglio, Frank Snyder, Bill Gero, John Dowell, Dan James, Jim McCullough, Tom Malony, Bill Lewis, Steve Isner, Ron Smith, Barry Fickes and Chris Bennett.

Some upkeep to target frames and groundskeeping was also going on. Steve Isner and Ron Smith were busy refacing target frames on Sunday the 16th. Grounds keeping was being done by John Dowell, Bill Lewis and Chris Bennett on Sunday the 23rd.

Cooking for this crew for breakfast and lunch on all three days was head cook Clayton Blume, needless to say all was good.

A big thank you goes out to all that were involved in pulling off another successful community service.

The free will Sight-In Day donation for the event was \$163.00 with three benches operating.



JUNIOR SMALLBORE RIFLE LEAGUE IN 2014

The FHRPC, in conjunction with the NRA, has again conducted the Basic Rifle Shooting Course/Rifle Shooting Merit Badge program as part of our junior smallbore rifle league. Any participant that attends five of seven lessons and demonstrates knowledge and proficiency will be recommended for a rifle shooting merit badge and will be given a certificate of completion for the course.

The FHRPC has excellent facilities, competent NRA certified instructors and provides everything that is needed including rifles, ammunition, targets, hearing protection, shooting jackets, shooting mats and spotting scopes. This is an excellent opportunity for any youngster to become acquainted with firearms safety and to develop basic marksmanship skills.

Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors. Feel free to contact Chris Bennett at 301-268-1642 for more information. Chris has been involved with the program for twenty years, thirteen years as the program director and prior to those, seven years as an assistant to Wayne Belloff.

FHRPC HOSTS NRP HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES

The Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club has hosted Natural Resources Police Hunter Safety Classes for several years running now, one in the spring and one in the fall. Donnie Simmons, retired NRP Officer is the Western Region Hunter Education Coordinator for the DNR. At the classes held at FHRPC's Morningside Range in the spring and at the Warrior Mountain Range in the fall Donnie is assisted by club members and Hunter Safety Instructors, Wayne Belloff and Bryan Walkup. Other Hunter Safety Instructors involved in the class are Jackie Marsh, Herk Marsh, Josh Marsh and Augie Grey, Central Region Hunter Education Coordinator for the DNR and that completes the team.

The latest class was held at the Warrior Mountain Range on November 9th starting at 11:30 to 1530 hours for their live fire and hunting woods trail scenario. Twenty-nine students arrived at the range after completing their internet workshop assignment at AC Continuing Ed Building. The live fire class held at the Silhouette Pavilion firing line which was instructed by Wayne, Bryan and Herk. Students were able to shoot and take safe gun handling instruction using Remington model 870 shotguns in 20 gauge and .22 L.R. caliber bolt action rifles.

In their hunting woods trail scenario instructors Donnie and Josh set up blaze orange and camouflage manikins and animal decoys for identification as well as shoot and no shoot situations, safe fence crossings and safe gun handling in the field.

Of the twenty-nine in attendance only two failed to complete the course.

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