

SHARP SHOOTER

FHRPC SUMMER/FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

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ARTICLE 5.1 CHANGE RATIFIED

By-Law Amendment to Article 5.1 was ratified at February 5, 2016 Annual Meeting, will be enforced for the 2017 dues cycle.

Annual dues must be paid by December 31st of each year with a grace period to and including January 31st. Dues accepted after December 31st may be assessed a late fee. After January 31st a regular member who failed to pay his dues is no longer in good standing and will be dropped from the membership roster.

ARTICLE 3.2B ADDED TO BY-LAWS

Members were asked to entertain a motion that we have a By-law change and ratification at the February 5, 2016 Annual Meeting. Members had discussion and Sylvester Shultz made a motion for accepting option (3) Drop the category of life membership completely. Cliff Bennett seconded that motion. Vote taken 41 yeas, no nays and some abstained.

With 41 yes votes and 58 in attendance there was no need to entertain the other two options.

The change will not affect membership status of any current member, only those joining the club after 2015. All current members will be treated in accordance to current Article 3.2 Life Membership.

RAFFLE AT THE RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to all who participated in the 2016 Gun Raffle Rendezvous at Morningside. The event would not have happened without your involvement, special thanks go out to the Raffle Chairpersons Jim & Christi McCullough, without their work the raffle would not have happened.

The raffle results are that 74.58% of the total membership bought, sold or returned their two tickets to be redistributed (and those few returned tickets, were all sold). The 25% that are not involved need to get off their duff and be involved, I mean, we are talking two ten dollar tickets, buy, sell or return them, do something.

Fifty some members and friends stepped up and bought or sold extra raffle tickets to take us over the top, one thousand and some tickets sold.

After all the expenses for the Raffle at The Rendezvous the net profit was \$5,922.77 which makes the 2016 Raffle at The Rendezvous a success.

Raffle Winners were;

Savage Model 116SS in 6.5 -.284
Henry Big Boy in .357 Mag.
Ruger Hawkeye in .270 Win.
Savage Model 11 Scout .308 Win.
Henry Golden Boy in .22 L.R.
Savage Mark II * in .22 L.R.

Bernie Clark
Dave Diehl
Patty Smith
Beverly Wilcox
J. Pat Glynn
Steve Isner



“The Grill Master”

Again, Special Thanks to Jim & Christie for cooking at the Rendezvous and at other league functions this year and in past years.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT WMR2 AND MSR1

Improvements at both ranges were discussed hinging on “If and when funds become available”. Members voted on range improvements which passed unanimously by the body at the Annual Meeting.

At March’s officers meeting we started with deciding who we would contact and who would handle contacting individual contractors. Robinette Excavating was contacted to handle removal of old silhouette berms to establish a new 100 yard berm at WMR2. Mr. Robinette worked with Danny Jackson to shake out gravel at the 600 yard firing line for the upcoming Service Rifle season as the grass growth would be insufficient. Also included at WMR2 was the replacement of two silhouette carrier racks for the rams and the boars. This project funded in part by the silhouette league, club project volunteers (Paul Hardy, Mick Malone, Terry Himmler, Ron Kifer, Ron Smith, Jim McCullough, Mike Foor and Marvin Smith), if I forgot anyone forgive me. The work mentioned above was completed in April. The silhouette league plans on replacing the last two carrier racks (turkeys and chickens) this April if funds exist.

At April’s officers meeting two estimates were presented on the paving of the range road at MSR1 one from Walker Paving and one from J&R Landscaping & Tree Experts. The officers were leaning toward Walker Paving at this time and are holding off until the concrete work at the rifle pavilion is complete as we do not want the heavy concrete trucks on the black top road. Also Todd Ritchey from Frontier Builders (he built the new pistol pavilion) was contacted concerning the concrete work under the rifle pavilion and he will get back with us.

At May’s officers meeting discussion was Todd Ritchey’s concern on the back corner of pavilion and the need of a retaining wall, Chris Bennett to stay in touch.

At June’s officers meeting we had been unable to contact Todd Ritchey, come to find out he was in the hospital with heart problems and had open heart surgery. Mean time Steve Isner was going to contact Buck Dayton to look at concrete job.

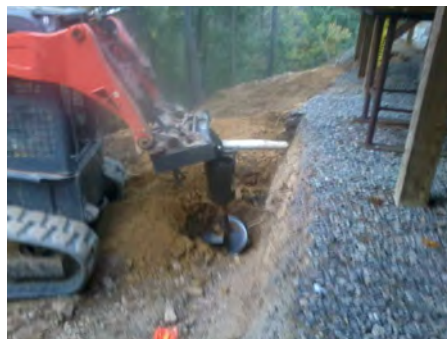
At July’s officers meeting Chris Bennett presented a proposal from Todd Ritchey, officers agreed to move forward on concrete proposal.

At August’s officers meeting excavator Darren Robinette and Cliff Bennett who by profession is a building inspector had earlier suggested sauna tubes for structural support of retaining wall and concrete slab. On another note Jim had contacted Walker Paving to confirm contract and for them to wait for concrete work is complete before they start.

At September’s officer’s meeting the Sonotube versus 6X6 pressure treated posts (ground burial rated, 60cca) the Sonotubes would be five times more expensive then the posts on total job. Let’s look at the pavilion it is a post and frame structure and will outlast most of the present day members. Officers agreed to move forward with Todd Ritchey’s post proposal, Marvin to contact Robinette Excavating to finalize plans and scheduling.

At October’s officers meeting we learned that Todd Ritchey lost his Father and his Mother was on life support the two days prior to the officers meeting and had not been around for over a week. Officer’s spent time working on getting the two companies synchronized to work together on the project. David Ritchey said get the excavating started, Robinette Excavating did the job in one twelve hour day on October 13th and as of this newsletter we are waiting for Frontier Builders.

As you can see, improvements do not happen with a snap of your finger it takes money, time, scheduling and volunteers.



Darren Robinette from Robinette Excavating doing work at Morningside Range to facilitate retaining wall and concrete pad.

GRAINS OF INFO

Dues Notices for the calendar year 2017 will not be mailed to members using USPS. The FHRPC Dues Notice and NRA application will be included as an insert with the Sharpshooter Sum/Fall 2016 and sent via USPS to members who don't have email. Members who have email will be directed to our webpage to download the Dues Notice/NRA application. Dues Notices/NRA applications will be available in the clubhouse at Morningside Range come the last quarter of the year. There is a lot of over lapping of Dues Notices being done and we the Membership Secretaries are looking at trimming expenses and time involved in notifying membership.

New mailing address for Annual Dues; Chris Bennett, P.O. Box 1242, Cumberland, MD 21501
Installed in the clubhouse at Morningside is a secured locked dues drop-off metal box for your convenience.

Some FHRPC Members are not fulfilling obligation concerning NRA application.

Members must submit a filled out NRA application when paying they're NRA dues through FHRPC during the club's dues collection cycle. Any check received with a combination of club and NRA dues and not accompanied with an NRA application fully completed will not be processed. The NRA recruiter will not fill out the NRA application for you, completing the NRA dues application is not his responsibility, **but yours.**

NRA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Any regular member who joined the FHRPC after December 31, 2000 must maintain membership in the National Rifle Association of America, here after referred to as the NRA, to be considered in good standing. Reference FHRPC By-Laws, Article 5.2 NRA Membership.

NRA dues may be submitted with the annual dues payment. Regular members may make their NRA dues payment to the FHRPC, by doing so establishes proof of membership in the NRA.

If not renewing through FHRPC, proof will consist of a legible photo copy of your current NRA dues card that has expiration date **OR** the mailing label off of your current NRA magazine, your NRA number and expiration date are on that label. **OR** contact the NRA at nramemberservices.org for online services or at 1-877-NRA-2000. Please write your NRA membership number on the memo line of your personal check made payable to FHRPC. The FHRPC Secretary along with the Treasurer will forward the appropriate dues to the NRA.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2017 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 10, at 6:00 p.m. at CCTE.

FIVE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are five new life members for membership year 2017, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are James E. Corwell, Jr., Thomas J. Kegg, Blaine R. Shewbridge, George M. Sneathen and Jack D. Snyder. When you see these new Gold Card Life Members congratulate them. This will bring the total of life members up to 122.

ELECTRIC SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR WELL

To operate the pump, electric breaker switch must first be turned on at the breaker box located at the well and turned off after use to protect pump from power surges and lightning strikes. Since our well has minimal water, it can run dry within a couple minutes of continual use resulting in damage to the pump. Should water flow slow or stop during use, **IMMEDIATELY** turn off hydrant and breaker switch do not operate again for at least 20 minutes.

2016 FHRPC HIGH POWER/SERVICE RIFLE LEAGUE

In 2016, CMP and NRA added new rules to really shake up the service rifle shooting community. For the first time ever, an optic sight is permitted to sit on top of an AR platform, and still fall into the service rifle class. Also permitted are adjustable stocks, and a few other fancy doodads. The rules state that the scope must not exceed 4.5 power, and no larger than a 34 mm objective.

Almost the entire Fort Hill league membership took advantage of this rule change, and most with great success. Leupold seem to be the scope of choice, rather than the higher priced Night Force or March scopes. It seems that the game is now a shooting match rather than an eye contest.

A few members started out the season traveling to Camp Bunter, NC to shoot in the Creedmoor Cup. Dave Thompson won the Springfield Rifle match, and his scores in the Garand, Vintage Rifle, and Modern Military matches were high enough that Dave won the 3 gun AND the 4 gun aggregate!

Warrior Mountain had 5 EIC matches this year. Roy Musselwhite picked up leg points in the early season matches with a 480-14X in May, and a 488-15X in June. Roy earned his final required points at Camp Perry, and received the Distinguished Rifleman Badge on stage. Roy ended the season taking the title of Maryland Champion (High MD resident) at the Maryland State Service Rifle Championship.

Tim Bloss earned his hard leg at Camp Perry, shooting a 477-7X. After Camp Perry, Tim was only one match away from legging-out. It wasn't meant to be in August, but Tim found his last need points during the Maryland State Service Rifle Championship shooting an impressive 487-17X to earn his Distinguished Rifleman Badge.

Roy (2016, # 2301) and Tim (2016, # 2317) join the following Distinguished Rifleman club members: Dave Brantner (1982, #462), Ron Schweninger (1992, #1001), Dave Thompson (2003, #1657), Terry Barnes (2004, #1675), Matt Lechlitter (2010, USAF #330), Danny Jackson, Jr. (2012, #2112), and John Dowell (2015, #2248), for a total of nine Distinguished Riflemen at FHRPC.

The league's 3x600 yard matches had rather bad luck of finding dry days at first. Later in the season the luck changed, especially for one shooter. Danny Jackson Jr. fired a 594-28X (99%), and set a new 3x600 service rifle club record. That's going to be a tough record to beat!

The NRA across the course matches schedule fell on beautiful days. Attendance was high this season with 60 individuals turning in score cards. Roger Bloss and Danny Jackson Sr. both fired their personal best strings this year, and Leah Lechlitter found the X-ring more often than not after a 2 year leave of absence.

Congratulations to all those that won, set records, and met goals during the 2016 season.

Match Info @ <http://www.fhrpc.org/servicerifle/matchresults.html>



Roy receiving his Distinguished Rifleman Badge at Camp Perry



Roy getting doused at a local watering hole at Camp Perry



Tim found his last needed points at the Maryland State Championship.

COMBINATION CHANGES

Combination changes at both ranges Saturday, March 25th, 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. **On the back** of your membership card is additional information.

BLACK POWDER LEAGUE

The Fort Hill Flinters Monday night black powder league finished up another great season with the fifth annual Fred Krieger black powder shooting match and Italian Sausage feed at morning side range on Sunday, September 25th. Jackie Miller made and donated a nice shooting bag again this year and Jim McCullough won it on a drawing. Jeff McCullough was the top shooter of the day. We had a good turnout and all had a great time and good food cooked by Jim and Christie McCullough.

We had a good season again with members traveling to black powder shooting matches in MD, WV and PA. They did very well everywhere they competed. We are looking forward to more of the same next year. Come out and join us next year every Monday evening from April to Oct, for more information about the league call Roger Rowe at 301-707-1840 or Mike Winter at 301-729-3540.

SR-50 MATCHES

The SR-50 shooters enjoyed being able to hone in their offhand small bore rifle shooting for another season, with 19 Monday evening matches scheduled starting April 25th and finishing up September 26th.

Top three shooters for the season in order were:

Paul Hardy with a 363.54 average with 43X's, 13 matches in
Mick Malone with a 356.17 average with 57X's, 18 matches in
Ron Smith with a 343.18 average with 51X's, 17 matches in

A good time was had by all who attended the matches and shooters have increased their personal averages over the last couple of seasons. The season was topped off by the July Ice Cream Social and the Sweet Italian Sausage picnic near the end of the season. For more SR-50 info contact Marvin Smith at 301-777-0358.

BULLSEYE LEAGUE

Can't say that I was looking forward to writing this report; however it's time for a change to a more vigorous person to chair this league. It has been some forty odd years that I have chaired this league, and I think of all the hundreds of men & women that have participated. Some of them have become lifelong friends. To all those people I say thank you, thank you for your help and support. Most of all I thank you for your friendship. My hope is that you will support our new chairman; Joe McDaniel as well.

The 2016 league has ended, and as usual the top bullseye shooter is John Dowell with a 92.37 average. Following with an average of 89.16, the new chairman-to be is inching up on John slowly but surely. Third place goes to Jack Snyder with an 86.98 average. Top rim fire only shooter is Chris Smith with an average of 87.18 and follow closely by his pappy; Marvin with an average of 85.10. Most improved shooter from last year was Tom Malony sporting an average of 63.43. *Frank*

SIGHT-IN DAYS 2016

Our yearly club activities end with Sight-In Days. We have scheduled Sight-In Days for three weekend days in November, just before the start of Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia rifle seasons for whitetail deer. The FHRPC offers this event as a community service. We will have range officers manning the shooting benches to assist local deer hunters in zeroing in their center fire rifles. Sight-In Days November schedule at Morning Side Range is Sunday, 13th, Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th. Scheduled time is 10:00 am thru 3:00 pm. Please contact Kenny Fuller at 301-724-5254 for more information. Breakfast will be provided to club members working the event cooked by Life Member Clayton Blume, thanks Clay.

SILHOUETTE LEAGUE

The 2016 Silhouette league has finished another season. We still have a strong turnout with an average of 18 shooters for each match. Diversity is the key to preserving our shooting sports. Again, I am proud to have shared the firing line with some talented ladies. Along with the ladies, we also welcomed some junior shooters who really enjoyed the reactive targets.

For the upcoming season of 2017 we will shoot every Thursday of the month throughout the season. We have not shot in the past on the 1st Thursday of the month. In 2017 we will shoot a match every Thursday from beginning of the season to end.

The league average score has gone up by over ½ a point from the 2015 average of 13.1 to this year's average of 13.7. The league shooters fired over 12,200 rounds of .22LR ammunition.

The top shooters for 2016 were, John Dowell – 22.4, Chris Bennett – 22.1, Ed Gaglio – 19.4

A special thanks to Jim & Christi McCullough for keeping us well fed during the long season.

COMBAT PISTOL

The Combat pistol shoots have well exceeded my expectations. The idea behind this Combat Pistol is training. I wanted to provide an event that will allow persons to learn to use their personal defensive firearms under stress conditions. In these stages or scenarios the shooters have to determine threats from non threats, perform tactical reloads and use of cover to name a few skills.

This is unlike other more regimented organized matches (ex. IDPA, IPSC & Action pistol) in that we do not keep score or rankings. We do use timers mainly to signal the start of the stage if the shooter wants they can record their times for their personal records. We have also incorporated rifles this year and it has been a blast to say the least. Due to size of the range our rifle stages are under 60 yds.

Understanding that Ammo is not cheap, we try to keep the round count for pistols at 50 rounds or under if you make all the required hits it is recommended that you bring 100 rounds. Rifle stages have been less 50 rounds more on the average of 20 rounds for total match. Other equipment participants will need is a holster, magazine holders for pistols. For the rifle stages a sling and one extra magazine. Any sight is permitted, though these matches are geared for and designed around carry guns.

Come on out on the last Saturday of the month at Morningside range for this fun, eye opening match. Polish your skills. Let the gunfighter out!

BR-50 LEAGUE

The Bench Rest League finished up with their annual steak feed. The league and steak feed were headed up by Chairpersons Jim & Christi McCullough. The dinner was as good as it could get leaving the attending shooters wishing for more. The league boasted an increase in shooters having a total of 16 different shooters during the year.

Jack Gauntz came through with the best scoring average of 248.67 followed by Bob McCullough with an average of 247.64 and in third place Bill Walsh with an average of 247.50. For more information on the BR league please call the new Chairman Ed Small 304-298-4254 or Christy 240-580-4867 or Frank 301-777-1298.

LIVE ROUNDS IN TRASH CANS POSE DANGER TO MEMBERS

We have found numerous live rounds in the trash cans during the seasonal time of year when most of us shoot. Some rounds made it into the burn barrel, much to the surprise of our volunteer help. After they popped, a close inspection of the suspect trash barrel revealed about a dozen additional misfired 22 long rifle cartridges.

Please dispose of unwanted or misfired cartridges properly. When you have a misfire, wait for five minutes before you open the action and remove the cartridge. Take the misfired cartridge home with you, pull the bullet, separate the components and render the primer inert by soaking the case in light machine oil. Do not dispose of your unwanted or misfired cartridges in the trash containers at the range.

RIFLE MATCHES AT THE RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to FHRPC members Steve Isner, Ed Gaglio and Roger Rowe for running the rifle matches at The Rendezvous all day long.

The results from the Deer Rifle BR are as follows; Forty participants on the day, 1st Place Coy Warner shooting his father's Cooper Rifle in 7mm-08. 2nd Place Rodney Warner shooting his Cooper Rifle in 7mm-08. 3rd Place Steve Isner shooting a Remington 700 in 6mm.

The results from the Cowboy Lever Action Match are as follows; Thirty to Forty some participants on the day, 1st. Place John Dowell shooting a Browning lever in .22LR. 2nd Place Clayton Blume shooting a Ruger lever in .22LR. 3rd Place Jackie Miller shooting a Rossi lever 1892 Winchester .357 Mag.

Thanks to all the members that supported the FHRPC and ultimately made The 2015 Raffle at the Rendezvous a Big Success, we couldn't have done it without you.



Ron Smith
mixing up the tickets.



Christi McCullough
pulling a winner.



Ron & Christi concurring
on the winning ticket.



Steve Isner running the BR
Deer Rifle Match.



Danny Jackson "Hammer Time"



BR Deer Rifle winners (L to R) Rodney Warner
2nd, Coy Warner 1st and Steve Isner 3rd.



Lunch Time!



A group of shooting enthusiasts enjoying
the Lever Action match at the
Rendezvous, Morning Side Range.

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 1ST FREEDOM

NRA DUES: (please select membership desired) SHOOTING ILLUSTRATED

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (with magazine) \$ 30.00 \$ _____

3 YEAR MEMBERSHIP \$ 85.00 \$ _____

5 YEAR MEMBERSHIP \$ 100.00 \$ _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$1,000.00 \$ _____

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