

# SHARP SHOOTER

## FHRPC SUMMER/FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### RAFFLE AT THE RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to all who participated in the 2017 Raffle at the Rendezvous at Morningside. The event would not have been successful 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 or 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 \$6,479.20 which makes the 2017 Raffle at The Rendezvous a success.

#### Raffle Winners were;

Tika T3 Forest, Walnut/Blue .260	Lynn Ogden
Remington Model 7, Predator, .223	Chuck Logue
Savage Trophy Hunter, IIIXP, 6.5 x .284	Frank Snyder
Henry Golden Boy, Model H004, .22LR	Tink Phillips
Henry Big Boy, 20" Octagon Barrel, .38/.357	Jim Painter

*Christi McCullough and Marvin Smith getting ready to draw another winner!*



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

### RIFLE MATCHES AT THE RENDEZVOUS

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

The results from the Deer Rifle BR are as follows: Good participation on the day, 1st Place, Rodney Warner using his Cooper Rifle in 7mm-08. 2nd Place, Bob Laird using his Weatherby Vanguard in .25-06. 3rd. Place, Glenn McTaggart using his Remington 700 in 6.5x47 Lapua.

The results from the Cowboy Lever Action Match are as follows: Good participation on the day, 1st. Place, Dustin Nightingale using a Winchester Model 94 in .25-20. 2nd Place, John Dowell using a Browning lever in .22LR, 3rd Place, Clayton Blume using a Ruger lever in .22LR

Thanks to all the members that supported the FHRPC and ultimately made the 2017 Raffle at the Rendezvous a Big Success, we couldn't have done it without you.



*Rodney Warner captures 1st place in the Deer Rifle BR @ the Rendezvous*



*Winners of the Cowboy Lever Action plate match are l-r, Dustin Nightingale, John Dowell & Clayton Blume.*

## 2017 RANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT MSR1 AND WMR2

Just a recap of the work that was completed in 2017 at MSR1 (1) were improvements to the target frame storage/black powder area which was concreted in the spring. (2) black top road from gate to the top of the hill at pistol burn barrel which was completed this past summer.



One beautiful day this past February, Darren Robinette of Robinette Excavating, Jim McCullough and Marvin Smith completed the back fill on both sides of the retaining wall. We were glad to get a jump on this project in the winter. Darren Robinette worked extensively on the retaining wall project, cut us in a firebreak trail that he used to get equipment in behind the pavilion. Darren used yards and yards of shale from our impact walls to lay a trail base. Employees of Frontier Builders worked on installing the retaining wall in February and did a nice job and were back in late spring to do the concrete pad under the pavilion in that area.



## IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2017 AT WMR2

Ben Wolters donated a bulletin board to FHRPC. Allen Shively modified the bulletin board and Allen and Butch Shreve installed it at the entrance to WMR2.

A Big Thank You goes out to Allen and Andrew Shively and Butch Shrivess for their labor, material and generosity. The members will enjoy the benches and table for many years to come that were built and installed at the 600 yard firing line.

Proposed range road improvements at WMR2 in 2018 are in their developmental stage. Idea would be to allow vehicle access to the pit and shed areas for membership. Let's face it fellows, we're not getting any younger and members do have disabilities that prevent them from walking repeated trips down range and saves time for shooting.

## WORK PARTIES IN 2017

I have received reports of two work parties at MSR1 this year, one on June 11th and the second on September 24th.

On June 11th members gathered for breakfast prepared by Jack Riegel. Afterwards, they replaced the steel plate hanger at the Undesignated Range, replaced burn barrel, dragged down fallen dead trees at range, cut them up and stacked. Shoved large brush pile into hollow near parking lot, stacked cut up firewood lying in parking lot, topped off gravel filler in the Action Pistol Walls, fabricated mover for CAP matches and changed the oil in the tractor, all in approximately six hours.

Volunteers were; Les Broadwater, Clayton Blume, Jim McCullough, Tom Malony, Steve Isner, Chris Bennett, Ron Smith, Jack Riegel, Foose & Joel Wakefoose, Dustin Nightingale, Ed Gaglio, Frank Snyder and Mike Barley.

On September 24th members gathered to replace benches at Morningside prior to the Raffle at The Rendezvous which was only a week away on October 1st.

Volunteers were; Frank Snyder, Les Broadwater, Steve Isner, Chris Bennett, Dustin Nightingale and John Dowell. Thanks to all, volunteers are the essential substance at FHRPC.

## PRIORITY RANGE DAYS

Priority Range Days were established this year at the Annual Meeting and the details worked out at the following Officers Meeting on March 1, 2017. The idea is so that the general membership can use the range on a given weekend. This is the first that we have actually offered designated use to the general membership after discussion at the Annual Meeting the Executive Committee has set aside one weekend a month for the general membership usage.

The first seven months of Priority Days has past and according to the amount of contact, officers have received both in person and by phone, membership has taking a liking to the knowledge that they will have access to certain ranges on a given day. Just in September and October, I've personally had several calls if and when WMR2 would be available to shoot extended distances for zeroing in for upcoming western big game hunting and shooting in general. Some were aware about Priority Days and wanted more information, most did not and when I informed them of Priority Days with information/schedule online at [www.fhrpc.org](http://www.fhrpc.org) and the first page of the Winter/Spring 2017 Sharpshooter, members more than liked the idea.

I believe with Priority Days being in its first year and with the addition of the benches and table at the 600 yard firing line usage will continue to grow as membership becomes more acclimated to Priority Days.

### *How Priority Range Days works;*

Example: This simply means that if Homer is the first shooter on the range he may shoot from the yard line of his choice. When Bart and Milhouse arrive at the range and wish to shoot 600-yards, Bart or Milhouse must politely inform Homer of their intention to shoot from the 600-yard line. In a timely manner, Homer has to fall back to the 600-yard line. Homer may choose to shoot from the 600-yard line, or wait for Bart and Milhouse to finish or leave. We do require a minimum of two shooters to shoot from the 600-yard line unless you are planning to shoot at the gong. Safety is vital on our club facilities. Be sure that your bullets are hitting the appropriate impact berm. Individuals are accountable to make clear communication to all present on the status of the range, especially before any movements forward of the firing line. Fostering the characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

## WMR2 600 YARD SAFETY PROCEDURES

*(Taken from the Orientation Handbook)*

**Individual 500 and 600 yard shooting** is possible provided all safety precautions are satisfied. These safety precautions include (1) blocking the range access road at the entrance to the range, and (2) having some means of communication (walkie talkies ok, cell phones mostly, no service) between the firing line and the target service crew when using downrange target service. When using downrange target service, (3) those individuals in the target service crew must be positioned behind the 200/500 yard impact berm or in the target pit behind the 300/600 yard impact berm (depending on your firing line). A minimum of two people are required for 500/600 yard shooting. Any additional people may provide target service or act as a spotter. If you are shooting the steel gong at 500 yards, no service crew or spotter is required. All shooters must keep all projectiles inside the range and said projectiles must impact that range's designated berm. Anything else constitutes misuse.

## SIGHT-IN DAYS 2017

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 Morningside Range is Sunday, 12th, Saturday, 18th and Sunday, 19th. 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 either Clayton Blume or Jack Riegel.

## GRAINS OF INFO

**Dues Notices for the calendar year 2018** 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 2017 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.

**Mailing address for Annual Dues;** Chris Bennett, P.O. Box 1242, Cumberland, MD 21501.

Installed in the clubhouse at Morningside Range is a secured locked dues drop-off metal box for your convenience.

**Some FHRPC Members are not fulfilling obligation concerning NRA application.**

Members who 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](http://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 2, 2018 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 9, at 6:00 p.m. at CCTE.

## NINE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are nine new life members for membership year 2018, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are Christopher C. Bird, Thomas M. Burke, Kevin L. Detrick, J. Robert Dick, Kenneth R. Long, Rodney M. Long, Michael L. Pannone, Sr., Eugene M. Sneathen and Michael L. Winter. When you see these new Gold Card Life Members congratulate them. This will bring the total of life members up to 125.

## COMBINATION CHANGES

Combination changes at both ranges Saturday, 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.

**On the back** of your membership card is additional information.

## **LIVE ROUNDS IN TRASH CANS POSE DANGER**

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.

## **ALUMINUM FRAMES MISSING**

The two aluminum 50 yard frames that are missing might be out for repairs and we are hoping they will be returned repaired. Surely one or two of our fine outstanding men of FHRPC would come forward with information concerning their whereabouts.

## **NEGLIGENT DISCHARGES & RANGE SAFETY**

Executive Officer Jim McCullough brought to the attention of officers that there are two holes in the post at bench 14 at MSR1 and a .22 caliber hole in the metal roof at bench 16.

SAFETY is always the FIRST and foremost consideration on the shooting range. Be alert. Be safe. Always keep the muzzle of your firearm pointed in a safe direction. You are responsible for your actions. Remember your firearm has no brain use your own.

## **☞ LEAGUE REPORTS 2017 ☞**

### **SILHOUETTE LEAGUE**

On March 30th we completed the target rail upgrades on the silhouette range. As of the beginning of the season all (4) banks of targets have been replaced with heavier 2.5x2.5x3/8 steel angle target carriers, along with 3x3x1/2 steel angle posts that were set in concrete. I would like to thank Members: Paul Hardy, Mick Malone, Marvin & Ron Smith, Terry Himmler, Jim McCullough and Ron Kifer. Also thanks to Jim & Christi McCullough for making sure that once a month we always had a good meal at the picnic.

The silhouette league had a good year, regardless of the pouring down rain throughout the season. As a league, we had an average of 16 shooters for each match. These 16 men & women in the course of 21 matches fired approximately 13,440 .22LR rounds. We did extend our shooting season by (4) matches, we did this by using the first Thursday of the month, which was set aside in the past for range maintenance. The league attendance was down by 3-4 shooters from past seasons but our league average was up by more than a full point to 14.97 from last year's 13.7.

This season's top shooters and their averages are as follows:

(1) John Dowell – 23.3    (2) Mick Malone – 21.0    (3) Ed Gaglio – 19.9

Contact: Ed Gaglio 304-790-2613 for any questions you may have regarding small bore silhouette.

### **COMBAT ACTION PISTOL**

As CAP completes our 2nd full year of shooting, we have adapted to best suit our needs and goals, those needs and goals being to (1) Get more people out using their firearms in a more dynamic away from square range type practice. (2) To challenge them to work their pistols & rifles under a little stress and to have them work through malfunctions and get back to shooting. (3) To help them get an idea of where their skill level is. That all being said (4) WAS TO HAVE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

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I would like to thank all the shooters that attend the CAP matches for their support and encouragement. I want to thank Marvin Smith, Ron Smith, Les Broadwater, Mike Barley, Jack Riegel, Bradley Nee, Clayton Blume and Justin Nightingale. For your assistance as either an RSO on the firing line or behind the line helping run equipment or on breaking down and clean-up. THANK YOU. Also would like to thank Bradley Nee & Jack Riegel for supplying our paper targets & props.

This year we implemented a rifle stage in every other match. They were a lot of fun and have been very well received and attended. Though the shooting distance is not great, the uses of movement and a target rich environment make up for this short coming. We will continue using rifles at future matches.

This year we also came up with a new wrinkle to throw at our shooters. Thanks to Clayton Blume (Member) we now have a new moving target. It is an electric wheelchair that has been retrofitted by some ingenious members and soon to be future members. Dan Wakefoose (Member) fabricated a steel shell for our chair to which we mounted a target. Mike Barley & Justin Nightingale (future Members) worked on extending the electric controls so that the chair could be operated from a safe distance behind the shooter.

I look forward to 2018; we will have lots of fun and get some training in all at the same time.

*“Are you boys going to draw them thar’ guns, or are you going to whistle Dixie?”*

## **BULLSEYE LEAGUE**

The FHRPC Pistol League shoots from May through September at the Morningside Pistol Range – shooting consists of what is commonly called Bullseye but is properly NRA Precision Pistol. The shooting is typically at 50 yards for slow fire (10 minutes for 10 shots) and 25 yards for timed (20 seconds for 5 shots) and rapid (10 seconds for 5 shots) fire with each stage being 10 shots. The most common “match” is the National Match Course (NMC) consisting of ten shots each of slow, timed, and rapid fire.

We shoot Tuesdays at Morningside at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm to accommodate as many people as possible. The range was rebuilt and accommodates 20 shooters under a roof, so we shoot in most weather. Typical weekly matches are National Matches in two calibers (or rim fire and center fire) with the occasional Slow, Timed, or Rapid Fire as well as 90-shot all in one caliber or additional matches or metallic sights or revolver. The costs are \$2 per session.

In 2017, the top overall shooters were John Dowell with an average of 91.0, Jake Wilt -- 90.9, John Knieriem – 90.2, Joe McDaniel – 87.6, Marvin Smith – 87.0, Dennis Jedlowski – 86.3, Jack Snyder – 85.9, Scott Miller – 84.3, and Chuck Laurie – 84.3. These were overall averages per 10-shot target. In 22LR shooting in a 900 point match, the top scorers were: Joe McDaniel – 848, John Dowell – 846, Jake Wilt -- 845, and Jack Snyder – 810. Our Center Fire 900 (any caliber, basically) had scores of: John Dowell – 841, Jake Wilt – 807, Marvin Smith – 788, and Dan Bussard -- 779. Finally, in 45 caliber the winners were: Joe McDaniel – 822, Jake Wilt – 808, Jack Snyder – 786, and John Dowell – 788.

A total of 31 shooters participated. Anyone interested in pistol shooting is encouraged to attend and shoot. Pistols and 22 ammo will be provided for your first match if you don’t have a semi-automatic or revolver.

Shooting in 2018 will begin May 1 and continue through September 22. Informal shooting will begin when the weather “breaks,” but typically begins in April on Tuesday mornings at 11am. If you have avoided shooting 22LR the last few years, 22LR ammo is readily available at reasonable prices. If you want to shoot and only have a 22, that gun can be used for all matches. While Bullseye shooting is formally done with one hand, those needing to use two hands are welcome. Club membership is not a requirement for League shooting – we encourage non-members to shoot, too.

For those interested in other nearby Bullseye matches, Salisbury’s Elk Lick Club shoots Thursday evenings (22 NM Jan to Mar each year), and Somerset, PA shoots Sundays at 2pm (22 and CF NM; Jan to Mar each year). A NRA State and Sectional indoor match is scheduled for Somerset, PA in April, 2018 (2700 – 22, CF, and 45, but you can shoot only one caliber).

Joe McDaniel, [joem5636@gmail.com](mailto:joem5636@gmail.com)

## SMOKEPOLE LEAGUE

The Fort Hill Flinters Monday night black powder league finished up another great season with the Sixth Annual Fred Krieger Memorial Match and New York Strip Steak Feed at MSR1 on Saturday, October 7th. Those in attendance were Roger Rowe, Mike Winter, Harold Logsdon, Jackie & Steve Miller and Marvin Smith. Jackie Miller made and donated a nice shooting bag again this year and Mike Winter won it on a drawing.

Roger Rowe was the top shooter of the day. Yours truly (Marvin) was invited to the match and I had a hoot of a good time. In fact I took second place with my Thompson Center Hawkin Kit Rifle in .50 caliber. I picked out a homemade patch knife with sheath, blade was from a straight razor with a turkey leg bone handle. Thanks Roger Rowe for making that knife. Jackie Miller took third place and picked out an Allen camouflage rifle case. The Flinters had a good turnout and thanks to all who attended, we had a great time and good food prepared by Jim and Christi 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 start their offhand small bore rifle shooting for another season, with 8 present. Monday evening matches were scheduled starting April 17th and finished up September 18th.

This year we mixed in six matches of silhouette targets printed on 8.5x11 card stock, same format and scoring as our silhouette metallic league. From what I heard everyone liked the challenge of the scaled to size 50 yard target.

### *Top three SR-50 shooters with 5 or more of the matches in for the season in order were:*

Paul Hardy with a 356.7 average with 39X's, 13 matches in  
Marvin Smith with a 342.6 average with 29X's, 11 matches in  
Ron Smith with a 341.9 average with 35X's, 12 matches in

### *Top three Silhouette shooters with 3 or more of the matches in for the season in order were:*

Paul Hardy with a 20.6 average, 6 matches in  
Ron Smith with a 17.0 average, 6 matches in  
Mick Malone with a 15.6 average, 3 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.

## BR-50 LEAGUE

The BR-50 league concluded on Sept. 23 this year culminating with a steak feed with all the trimmings. A final two target match was held following the feed. Although attendance was down for the year, like most other leagues, competition was strong. A newcomer took the championship, Glen McTaggart. Glen finished with a 247.48 average. Second place shooter is Bill Lewis holding a 247.12 average. Third place Bill Walsh came in with 247.09; all very respectable averages, considering a perfect score would be 250.00. Special thanks go to Jim Soulsby and Christi McCullough for scoring the many targets. New season will start next spring in early May. Come join us.

*Frank Snyder and Ed Small, League Chairmen*

# 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  1<sup>ST</sup> 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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