

SHARP SHOOTER

FHRPC SUMMER/FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

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DUES INCREASE TO \$75.00 RATIFIED

At the Annual Meeting discussion was held that the annual dues were inadequate (last raised February 2010) for the times according to the research done on other rifle and pistol clubs in the Mid Atlantic region. Three significant reasons were given for increasing dues, operating expense increases for FHRPC, lack of participation by club members in the past two gun raffles and possible land acquisition on Eastman Road (see Land For Sale Eastman Road within this newsletter). After some member discussion by the body, Cliff Bennett made a motion to raise the annual dues to \$75, Paul Hardy seconded the motion. A show of hands vote took place and an overwhelming number of members agreed. Motion passed FHRPC annual dues are \$75, effective immediately. Officers and members both said that we had one of the best clubs for range facilities and variable shooting settings for its members in the region and that at \$75 dollars annually (20.5 cents a day) is still quite a bargain not found anywhere in our region.

RENEW NRA AT www.fhrpc.org

Please visit our Website on the home page and you can renew or join the NRA from our site. Members will continue to get the best rate for NRA membership and the FHRPC gets the recruiter credit. By renewing or joining online saves time, postage and paper. After renewing or joining online the NRA will send you a confirmation email just print it off and send it in with your FHRPC dues or forward the confirmation email to me at marvincoyle_54@verizon.net or Chris Bennett at cbennett3006@gmail.com this shows proof of NRA Membership that's required for members that joined after December 31, 2000 under FHRPC By-Laws 5.2 NRA Membership. Paper copies of the NRA Application will still be available at the club house at Morningside and in the Summer/Fall 2018 Sharpshooter Newsletter that will be available in mid November when the Dues Notices go out.

LAND FOR SALE ON EASTMAN ROAD

At the Annual Meeting in February members asked the officers to look into the 7.9 acres that is for sale that butts up against the Morning Side Range's property line directly behind the 100 yard rifle and multi-purpose impact berms. Here are the facts from Real Property Search Maryland; Listed with Dennis Murray, Realtor; Property address, 11809 Eastman Road; Listed for \$44,900; Accessed for \$38,700 (considered to be high); On and off market for over 900 days; Last sold in 2002 for \$40,000: Topic for discussion and possible action at February's Annual Meeting, members can decide with their vote if they want the officers to pursue the land acquisition.

COMBINATION CHANGES

Combination changes at both ranges will change the first Saturday in January 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.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED

The range improvements for 2018 which were reported in the Winter/Spring 2018 Sharpshooter have been completed. Darren Robinette took care of unloading and distributing a tri-axle load of gravel where it was needed on WMR2 road, cleaned out the drainage ditch along that roadway. Darren built a swale for overflow drainage on the backside of the silhouette pavilion to protect it from storm water.

The cable at the 300 yard firing line has been taken down to give members easier and quicker access to address targets down range. Please stay on the roadway to keep the cable gate down. New gravel has been placed on that road bed to help with drainage.

The new frames for the Bullseye league are complete and the league shooters have enjoyed using them from the start of the season. The old frames have been placed on the 25 yard spindles for the use of the general membership. When engaging targets at the 25 yard line make sure the 50 yard pipe standard in line with your target is lying down. Failure to do so results in a shot up standard when engaging the 25 yard targets. Your compliance is appreciated by all.

Ed Gaglio has located a storage shed for the CAP League and took care of getting it delivered.

Thanks goes out to the Sunday morning Heathen League (LOL) for the work they get accomplished behind the scenes at Morningside. They are Les Broadwater, Clayton Blume, Jim McCullough, Tom Malony, Steve Isner, Chris Bennett, Jack Riegel, Ron Smith, Dan Wakefoose, Dustin Nightingale, Ed Gaglio, Frank Snyder and Mike Barley.

Winners of the Deer Rifle BR Match at the Rendezvous are:

Rodney Warner-first place, middle.
John Dowell-second place, right.
Coy Warner-third place, left.



RIFLE MATCHES AT THE RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to FHRPC members Steve Isner and Ed Gaglio for managing the rifle matches at The Rendezvous held Sunday, October 7th. The results from the Deer Rifle BR are as follows: Good participation on the day, 1st Place, Rodney Warner using his Cooper in 7mm -.08. 2nd Place, John Dowell using his Browning in .270. 3rd Place, Coy Warner using his Dad's Cooper in 7mm -.08. The results from the Cowboy Lever Action Match are as follows: Good participation on the day, 1st. Place, Coy Warner using a Winchester Model 94 in .25-20. 2nd Place, Mike Barley using a Winchester Model 94 in .30/30 and 3rd Place, John Dowell using a Winchester Model 94 XTR in .22 WMR.

Thanks to all the members that supported FHRPC's Rendezvous, especially the cooks Jack Reigel and Jim McCullough. Special thank you to Christi McCullough for raffling off the bacon slabs and managing the 50/50 drawing during the course of the day.

GRAINS OF INFO

Dues Notices for the calendar year 2019 will be mailed to members who don't use email. The FHRPC Dues Notice and NRA application will be included as part of the Sharpshooter Summer/Fall 2018 (see page 7) and sent via USPS to members who don't use email. Members who have email will be directed to our webpage to renew electronically (see Renew NRA at www.fhrpc.org on the first page of this Sharpshooter) or 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.

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 fully completing their NRA application. Members who submit a NRA application when paying they're NRA dues during the club's dues collection cycle must have application fully completed. 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!

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.

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 1, 2019 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.

FOUR NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are four new life members for membership year 2019, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are David L. Frank, Floyd N. Johnson, Jr., William E. Murphy and Jeffrey L. Wagoner. When you see these new Gold Card Life Members congratulate them. This will bring the total of life members up to 123.

CMP SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL

According to Executive Officer Danny Jackson the CMP has chosen FHRPC to host the upcoming CMP Small Arms Firing School for calendar year 2019. The dates selected are Saturday, September 28th for classroom and Sunday, September 29th for live fire. At this time details and arrangements are just beginning.

SIGHT-IN DAYS 2018

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 are Sunday, 11th, Saturday, 17th and Sunday, 18th. 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.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Silhouette League 2018

We continued to make target rail upgrades on the silhouette range this year. In an effort to prevent our targets from walking off the rails, I would like to thank Members: Mick Malone, Marvin Smith for being the point men on this continuing project this year along with all others, which lent a hand in getting this done. To Jim & Christi McCullough who while dealing with moving and care of a family member still took time to make sure once a month we had a good meal, a heartfelt thank you.

The silhouette league had a good year, regardless of the pouring down rain throughout the season. As a league, we had an average of 13.8 shooters for each match, down from previous years. These men & women in the course of 21 matches fired approximately 12,144 rounds. As a league our average score was 13.6.

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

(1) John Dowell 21.7 (2) Mick Malone 19.2 (3) Ed Gaglio 17.8

I would like to cast some praise on Mrs. Kathy Dowell for being the first Lady to taking high shooter honors for Match #16. Great job Kathy!!

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

CAP LEAGUE 2018

The 2018 FHRPC Combat Action Pistol (C.A.P.) has completed its 3rd year this past July and we are just getting warmed up! We have added more steel and moving targets with more to come. This year we have had an average of 25 shooters for each shoot.

When I first proposed the idea, I was a little bit apprehensive. I knew people would like it if they tried it. We progressed from just pistols to now every other shoot is both rifles & pistols, this coming year we will enter into the 3 gun faze (pistol, rifle and shotgun). We have added more steel and moving targets with more to come. Just to keep everyone on his or her toes.

We want people to get their pistols and "Scary" rifles out of the safe and come have a good time. If in the process, they learn a tip or a trick on how clear malfunctions, deal with shooting under some stress, or shooting moving targets, or just learning their personnel capabilities, the idea is to have fun and just not standing in one spot throwing lead down range.

This would not be possible without help and a special thanks to Mike Barley, Les Broadwater & Ron Smith for being there to help running the stages. To all of you who pitch in whether it is painting & pasting targets or helping set up or tearing down, Thank you for being involved.

Ed Gaglio

BULLSEYE LEAGUE 2018

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 course of fire consists of 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 10am and 6:30pm 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 a National Match in rim fire or center fire/.45 with an added match of a NMC in a different caliber or 20-shot Slow, Timed, or Rapid Fire. We have 90-shot all in one caliber matches (SF, NMC, TF, RF) three times during the season as well as occasional metallic sight or revolver matches. The costs is \$2 per session.

In 2018, the top 10 overall shooters were:

Jake Wilt (non-member) with an average of 91.9, John Dowell – 90.6, Joe McDaniel – 88.7, Marvin Smith – 88.2, John Dowell (metallic sights) – 88.0, Frank Snyder – 87.8, Chris Smith – 86.5, Ed Gaglio – 86.2, Jack Snyder – 84.9 and Jim Soulsby – 84.5. These were overall averages per 10-shot target. In the .22 L.R. 900 point match, the top scorers were: John Dowell – 853, Joe McDaniel – 845, Jake Wilt – 831 and John Dowell (metallic sights) – 827. Our Center Fire 900 (any caliber, basically) had scores of: John Dowell – 828, Jake Wilt – 821, Ed Gaglio – 812, Joe McDaniel – 797 and Marvin Smith – 788. Finally, in .45 caliber (any caliber, basically) had scores of: Jake Wilt – 830, Ed Gaglio – 812, Marvin Smith – 793, John Dowell – 784, Frank Snyder – 784 and John Knieriem – 782.

A total of 29 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 2019 will begin May 7 and continue through mid-September. Informal shooting will begin when the weather “breaks,” but typically begins in April on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. 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 2 pm (.22 and CF NM; Jan to Mar each year). A NRA State and Sectional indoor match is scheduled for Somerset, PA in April, 2019 (2700 – .22, CF, and .45, but you can shoot only one caliber).

Joe McDaniel, joem5636@gmail.com

SMOKEPOLE LEAGUE

The Fort Hill Flinters Monday night black powder league finished up another great season with the Seventh Annual Fred Krieger Memorial Match and New York Strip Steak Feed at MSR1 on Saturday, September 24th. Those in attendance were Roger Rowe, Mike Winter, Harold Logsdon, Mick Malone, Jackie & Steve Miller and Marvin Smith. We had a blanket match which means participants brought a gift to place on the blanket; gifts were related to smokepole shooting. Mick Malone was the top shooter of the day. The Flinters had a good turnout and thanks to all who attended, we had a great time on a beautiful day 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 October 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 10 present on the opener. Monday evening matches were scheduled starting April 23rd and finished up September 17th. This year we mixed in five 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:

Danny Jackson with a 372.4 average with 25X's, 5 matches in

Ron Smith with a 352.3 average with 43X's, 13 matches in

Mick Malone with a 352.1 average with 27X's, 8 matches in

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

Ron Smith with a 17.25 average, 4 matches in

Matt Strickler with a 15.5 average, 4 matches in

Marvin Smith with a 14.75 average, 4 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

The 2018 BR-50 season recently came to a close with fierce competition and above average shooter turn out having several evenings with full benches and a few needed 2 strings. About 5 new shooters from neighboring Pennsylvania were in attendance for some eye opening scores by our regular shooters and were very good sports about it. Also we had a veteran club member, Wayne Stott; give it his best at a new discipline. One of the highlights of this season was a junior shooter, 11 year old Zaylon Barrick who easily trimmed many of the more experienced competitors. I will not mention names. He was awarded a certificate of sportsmanship for his skill and good character.

Top Three Shooters for the season were:

Glen McTaggart – 247.4, Kermit Wimer – 246.7 and Bill Lewis – 245.7.

Shooters were treated to a Delmonico steak dinner supplied by Jim and Christi McCullough with the usual trimmings.

It was a very good season to say the least.

Ed Small

NEGLIGENT DISCHARGES & RANGE SAFETY

Executive Officer Jim McCullough brought to the attention of officers that there are two holes in the post at bench 16 at MSR1 and a .22 caliber hole in the metal roof close to the same area. These two incidents happened in 2017.

This year someone deliberately shot a hole in the wind directional tail wing of the wind mill mounted on the wooden berm along the parking lot. Cannot seem to catch the vandals for dismissal and prosecution, security cameras seem to be in order. If any member sees something they know shouldn't be happening or any action they are uncomfortable with, get a license plate number and description of the vehicle.

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.

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 \$ _____



DUES NOTICE



Membership dues for the Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club for the new calendar year are (\$75.00) and are due by December 31 of each year. 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 (\$75.00) plus NRA membership application (see below) and select membership desired. **Mail to: Chris Bennett, P. O. Box 1242, Cumberland, Maryland 21501-1242 or in the locked drop-off box in the clubhouse @ MSR1 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. Additional information and League Schedules can be found at our website: www.fhrpc.org.

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