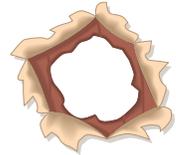


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FHRPC RAISING FLAG FLOWN IN AFGHANISTAN

The Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club held a flag raising ceremony on July 4, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Morningside Drive range. The flag flew over Camp Eggers in Kabul, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007. It was presented to the club by retired Lt. Col. Thomas E. Detrick, a club member and Cumberland native, who served at Camp Eggers. Member Wayne Belloff secured the donation of the flag pole that was used.



FLAG POLE RAISING

On a hot June day, a handful of work party volunteers planned to raise a flag pole that was aligned, cut on, welded on, hardware attached by Jim Soulsby, painted by Soulsby and Bill Lewis. After Chuck Laurie dug a hole with his backhoe volunteers set, leveled and secured the thirty two foot pole. They were Dave Mackert, Wayne Belloff, Wayne Stott, Terry Himmler, Ron Smith, Clayton Blume, Frank Snyder, Jim Soulsby, Bill Lewis, Marvin Smith. If I forgot someone please excuse me. A “Big Thanks” to all who were involved with this project.

PAVING AT MORNING SIDE

During a Special meeting of the FHRPC on July 28, 2010 twenty nine of the forty four members present voted in favor of paving the road from Morning Side Drive to the gate. Contractor for the paving job was Liller Paving with a low bid of \$5,800.00. The main reason for paving the range access road was dusty conditions that affected nearby neighbors, also to help with drainage.

SIGHT-IN DAYS HELD

Sight-in days for local deer hunters were held on Sunday, November 14th, Saturday, November 20th and Sunday November 21st between the hours of 1000 hrs. and 1500 hrs. according to Executive Officer Jim Soulsby. As in past years club members Jim Brant, Jim Detrick, Kenny Fuller, Bill Gero, Richard Frye, T. “Beatle” Bailey, Barry Fickes, Ed Gaglio, Pete Peterson, Ron Deter (new life member for 2011, and was here visiting from Georgia), and Marty Harsh were working the shooting benches assisting area deer hunters zeroing in their rifles. Last but not least head cook Clayton Blume, Jim Soulsby and the members that brought food dishes out for all to enjoy. A BIG THANK YOU! Total of free will donations for the Sight-in Days totaled \$225 according to J. Soulsby.

THREE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are three new life members for membership year 2011, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are Ronald A. Deter, Timothy J. Hansrote, and Robert E. Humbertson, Sr. if you see these new Gold Card members congratulate them. That brings the total of life members to 87.

ANNUAL MEETING 2011

The annual meeting of the Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club is scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2011 (snow date Friday, February 11, 2011) at 6:00 p.m. at the Allegany County Career Center for Technical Education (Vo-tech Center) on McMullen Highway. The topics of interest, discussion, possible by-law changes and possible voting could include: Possible land acquisition at Morning Side range, Shooting Times at Ranges, To use alternative means of communication to contact members (reference By-Laws Article 6.2 Special Meeting sentence two). USA Citizenship Membership requirement necessary (reference By-Laws Article 3.1 Membership Eligibility sentence one). This citizenship discussion tabled at last year's Annual Meeting. A Protective Barrier between the parking lot and the shooting deck of the 100 yard rifle range at Morningside Range.

DUES DUE

Membership dues for the Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club for the calendar year 2011 are fifty dollars (\$50.00) and are due by December 31, 2010. We encourage members to renew their NRA dues at the same time as their club dues, it makes good sense, you save ten dollars and your club gets a rebate. You write one check to FHRPC, you use one postage stamp. The NRA simply adds another year to your current membership expiration date so you don't lose a thing. FHRPC dues \$50.00, plus NRA dues \$25.00 with magazine, \$10.00 without magazine. Dues Notice and NRA Membership Application will be mailed out to all members first week of December.

MOVE CABLE RANGE #2

In review, at the annual meeting Mike Winter made a motion to move the cable from the bottom of the ramp to the upper most part of the ramp alongside the grassy 300 yard line shooting area. So as to accommodate our handicap members, this is to be strictly an unloading and loading zone. Parking is still in the parking lot. **NO PARKING ON THE RAMP OR RAMP SHOULDER.** Vic Merkle seconded the motion. Vote was taken, unanimous to move cable.

And now a big "Thank you" to Marty Harsh and his two sons Martin Harsh, Ethan Harsh and club members Danny Jackson Jr., Clayton Blume, Wayne Stott for tackling this project and seeing it through to completion. The Harsh Boys planted new posts for the relocated cable. Wayne Stott cut the posts to length and hauled them to Warrior Mountain at Range #2. Clayton Blume helped with the gate hardware. Danny Jackson Jr., helped with landscaping. Terry Barnes is planning to grade the new roadway as soon as possible this fall. It was a group effort supported by many club members. The cost to the club is approximately \$600; the money was used to purchase 50 tons of crusher run to make a clean roadway to the 300 yard line. If you have not seen or used the unloading/loading zone, what a great rifle range user friendly idea. Many thanks to Marty & Sons, club members and Mike Winter for making the motion and to all who were involved in this worthwhile project.



2010 RENDEZVOUS AND RAFFLE

Thanks to all who participated in the 2010 Fort Hill Riffle Pistol Club Raffle Day and Rendezvous. The weather held out and it was a great day of fun and competition at the Warrior Mountain Range. Jim Soulsby, Clayton Blume, Ron Smith and Marvin Smith prepared and served the food and several wives of the members donated desserts. There was something good to eat from 9:00 in the morning until the close of the day, shortly after the drawings.

The Fort Hill Flinter's ran five muzzle loader matches and awarded prizes for first, second and third place in four of the five. Terry Mulligan and Danny Webster provided stiff competition as they each placed in the top three several times. Jeff McCollough, Roger Rowe, and Jeremy Seib also won prizes. A few new games were played this year. The five matches consisted of a 100 yard match, blind bingo, a snake target, a groundhog target, and one target closest to center. Cash prizes were awarded for the first three places of each event except closest to center which awarded only first place. Special thanks are due to Roger Rowe who organized the muzzle loader events with the help of the Flinter's.

Winners of the individual muzzle loader events were as follows:

The Hundred yard winners were Jeff Mc Collough, first; Terry Mulligan, second and Danny Webster, third.

Blind Bingo winners were Jeremy Seib, first; Terry Mulligan, second and Danny Webster, third.

The Groundhog target winners were Danny Webster, first place; Terry Mulligan, second and Jeremy Seib, third.

The Snake target winners were Danny Webster, Terry Mulligan and Roger Rowe respectively.

Terry Mulligan won the Closest to Center contest.

The 200 yard plate match was conducted at the other end of the range. As in years past, three shots were fired at three crosstie plates from the offhand position. This year twenty seven relays were fired and shoot-offs were held after every nine relays. Three winners advanced from each set of relays to the finals at the end of the day. The final nine shooters shot for first second and third place which were then filled by John Dowell in third, Austin Bennett in second and Chris Bennett was the victor. Cash prizes were awarded for the top three spots.

The culmination of the day was the raffle drawing. Special thanks are due to the three local Gun shops that donated this year's prizes. First Prize was a Henry Golden Boy .22 Rifle which was donated by Jim Moore of Moore's Gun Shop on Warrior drive in Cresaptown. Second prize was a 3x9x40 Pentax Scope with mounts donated by Jeff Kerr of Kerr's Brother's Gun Shop on Virginia Avenue and third Prize was a Deluxe cleaning kit donated by Terry Mulligan of Mulligan's Gun shop in Ridgeley, WV. These prizes were all donated at no cost to the club and were very generous contributions.

Joe Lichleiter won the Henry Rifle, Wayne Conner was the winner of the Scope and Steve Dolly was the winner of the deluxe cleaning kit.

The Raffle match and Rendezvous netted the club around \$3,700 dollars after expenses and provided a great day of fun for all who were involved. Again, thanks to all who were involved and hope to see you at the range soon.

SAVAGE DAY

July 17, 2010 @ 1700 hours was extra trigger time for club members, Service Rifle League Shooters, and customers of Kerr Bros gun store. Savage sales representatives Craig Fijalkovic and Jeremy Morris with the assistance of club member and store owner Jeff Kerr delivered several rifles and ammo to be fired, to the joy of those attending.

300 Win Mag., Model 10 Sniper Platform

.308 Model 12 Stainless Palma with grey laminated stock

.308 Model 11 with Matte finish and Black composite stock with adjustable comb.

.223 Model 12 Stainless LRPV

.22 LR Mark II Silhouette Platform

Many thanks to Jim Soulsby, Clayton Blume, Danny Jackson, Jr., Dave Thompson, Jeff Kerr for organizing some fun trigger time.

FORT HILL SNOWBIRD MATCH SCHEDULE FOR 2011

December 2010

December 18th 30 Caliber 300 Yard Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

January 2011

January 1st Polar Bear Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

January 9th Mosin/Mauser Enemy at the Gates (Warrior Mountain Range)

January 15th M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)

January 30th Garand/Springfield Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

February 2011

February 6th Garand/Springfield Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

February 12th Garand/Springfield Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

February 27th M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)

March 2011

March 5th Garand/Springfield Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

March 13th Mosin/Mauser Battle for Stalingrad (Warrior Mountain Range)

The “Polar Bear Match” is the club match where we shoot the running deer and the offhand squirrel match.
Bring your favorite deer rifle and squirrel rifle.

The “30 Caliber Match” is like the M1A match held at Camp Perry during the Nationals but we are allowing one to shoot any 30 caliber service rifle.

The “Mosin/Mauser Matches” and “Garand/Springfield Matches” are the standard CMP vintage rifle matches which consists of two 35 shot matches. The hard dog gamers only shoot bolt guns during the “Mosin/Mauser Matches”. The rest of us will shoot a Garand.

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

2010 SERVICE RIFLE MATCH SUMMARY

The Service Rifle League had a very successful year. We average about 15 shooters per match with approximately one half of the shooters participating in the matches were club members. We had 24 woman and 22 junior shooters this year. A big hit for the year was the introduction of the CMP Rimfire Sporter match. This match is our introduction to Service Rifle course. This is a perfect match to get acquainted with Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) matches and it is a fun time for young and old alike. We had several new shooters at the Rimfire Sporter match. All one really needs for this match is their favorite squirrel rifle and 70 rounds of ammo. The following is the match summary for 2010:

CMP Games Matches: 12	Number of Shooters: 182
CMP EIC Matches: 3	Number of Shooters: 43
600 Yard Matches: 6	Number of Shooters: 98
800 X-Course Matches: 5	Number of Shooters: 68
Total Matches: 26	Number of Shooters: 391

2010 SERVICE RIFLE ROAD TRIPS

League shooters took several road trips this year to some tri-state matches and we took some trips to a few major matches. A few club members went to Fort Benning, GA for the Remington-Bushmaster Open Matches. Fourteen regular league shooters which included nine club members went to Camp Butner, NC for the Eastern CMP Games and Creedmoor Cup Matches where we got to spend some quality time with R. Lee Erney. Our very own Dave Thompson won the three gun aggregate two years running. Here is a group picture taken at Camp Butner. Can you identify the Marines?



A herd of club members twelve strong went to Camp Perry, OH for the National Matches. We brought home a few gold medals, several silver medals, many bronze medals and a few people came home with some LEG points.
Club Members Earning a Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 2010 – Captain Matthew Lechliter, USAF
Club Members Earning EIC/LEG Points in 2010 – Danny Jackson, Roy Musselwhite, Leah Lechliter and Michael Rhodes (Pistol)

CLUB HIGH POWER RECORDS SET IN 2010

Category	Score	Competitor	Date
Conventional prone, match rifle	598-43X	Mark Trew	2010/09/12
Conventional prone, Palma rifle	597-27X	Matt Lechliter	2010/08/29
Conventional prone, service rifle	581-13X	Dave Thompson	2010/06/27
F-class	593-22X	Bill Lewis	2010/09/12

SILHOUETTE LEAGUE 2010

Well the best year yet, great competition, support and a lot of fine shooting. Given the fact it happened to be our hottest year temperature wise that we have had since the start of the league. There were 24 regular shooters with 13 other shooters in the mix with 5 or less matches. Silhouette shooters worked on improving the silhouette berms we made them taller and wider with baseball field clay, what an improvement. A "Special Thank You" to Chuck Laurie for bringing out his backhoe. A big "Thank You" to John Dowell for the RIM FIRE ONLY SIGNS at the small silhouette berms, looks great. As a reminder center fire shooters must impact large 100 yard berm at this range.

The high light of the season was the last match Sunday, September 19th. Good shooting weather coupled with good food and the enjoyment of seeing our wives, girlfriends enjoy the afternoon which made the day special.

The greatest thanks go to the women and their fine dishes, and of course the members that made it possible. They are if you didn't know Jim Soulsby, Frank Snyder, Clayton Blume, and Ed Gaglio. We thank them for their efforts and abilities to make a Sunday afternoon very pleasurable.

And a big "Thank You" to Mike Carney for sharing his craftsmanship and giving one of his own custom made knives to the Silhouette League to raffle off to one of its shooters at our last match of the season. Jeff Conley was that lucky shooter. Thanks again Mike.

BULLS-EYE LEAGUE 2010

The new wooden berm on the bullseye pistol range had its first initial use this league season and was appreciated by all pistol shooters that I spoke to. Bulls-eye experienced a growth with 5 new shooters bringing the total up to 36 shooters for the 2010 league season. The four top pistol shooters for 2010 were; #1 John Dowell, 9455 total points, 94.55% with 310 Xs; #2 Terry Wilson, 9714 total points, 89.94% with 132 Xs; #3 Jack Snyder, 9799 total points, 89.89% with 157 Xs. Joe McDaniel, (.22 pistol only) 8735 total points, 91.94% with 164 Xs.

The 1800 Pistol Match was a two day event on September 22 & 23 the top pistol shooters and their scores were Jack Snyder with 838, Joe McDaniel with 813, and Austin Bennett with 803.

The July 27th match was our best match of the season when the women came and brought their delicious dishes and a good time was had by all who attended.

ACTION PISTOL LEAGUE NEWS

The weekend of August 21st and 22nd saw the second annual Western Maryland Regional and Maryland State NRA Action Pistol Championships at the FHRPC Morningside Drive range. A total of forty-seven guns were registered for the two matches. The weather was perfect and there were very few surprises as to who was at the top of the heap at the end of the matches. Doug Koenig, 12 time NRA National Action Pistol Champion, took the top spot in the Regional with Carl Bernosky, 9 time NRA National High Power Rifle Champion, in hot pursuit. When Doug and Carl pulled in the parking lot the morning of the match, in Doug's very distinctive total camouflage pickup, everyone knew we would all be competing for third place. Sunday's Maryland State Championship ended with Kevin Angstadt on top with 72 year old John Sanders in second place by only 3 points. A total of eleven national records were set at our range during the Championship matches and most importantly, a good time had by all. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped run the events and score targets...you are the backbone of our club.

SMALL BORE LEAGUE RESULTS 2010

Name	Number of matches fired	Overall possible score	Number of shots fired	score	Average 10 shot score	
Eli Barr	3	1200	120	1047-11x	87.2	
Austin Bennett	4	1600	160	1567-53x	97.9	
Clifton Bennett	14	5800	580	5775-406x	99.6	
Dave Brantner	1	400	40	392-16x	98.0	
Tanner Campbell	2	800	80	600-1x	75.0	
Jay Cochran	18	7800	780	7399-175x	94.8	
Daniel Coleman	4	1600	160	1347-12x	83.5	
Jesse Coleman	3	1200	120	600-0x	50.0	
Hunter Flinchbaugh	3	1600	120	821-5x	68.4	
Danny Jackson	1	400	40	396-16x	99.0	
Mike Ritter	13	5600	560	5522-284x	98.6	
Wayne Stott	20	8800	880	8354-195x	94.9	

This year started slow with just four regular shooters back, but as the year progressed several familiar faces showed up to shoot a match and at the end of the year we were greeted with a fresh wave of shooters from the Royal Rangers organization. These young fellows were six of about sixteen who had taken the Junior Small Bore Training in the spring with Chris Bennett. They decided to pursue their interests a little further and participated in the last few matches of the season. Hopefully we will see them back again next year. Several expressed a real interest and improvement was easily seen from week to week. If you are a past shooter who would like to work with some kids, please see me at the annual meeting. Thanks to Frank Snyder, Clayton Blume, and Marty Harsh who helped spotting, coaching and scoring for the kids.

Anyone interested in shooting, please come out and give it a try next year. If you let me know in advance I will make sure that there is equipment ready for you to use. The club has rifles and equipment for you to borrow. If any old shooters have equipment stashed away and want to sell or donate it to new shooters, let me know. I really feel that the vision of this Club should be the promotion of our shooting sports. If you know someone young or old that would like to try Small Bore shooting please reach me (Cliff Bennett) at 304 790 0441.





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