

# SHARP SHOOTER

## FHRPC SUMMER/FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

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### DEMO AND CONSTRUCTION AT MSR1 FIRING LINE

The construction process started with the demolition of the old cover at the 100 yard firing line at Morningside Range. Approximately thirty five volunteers at various times throughout the months of July, August, September and October were instrumental in demolition of old cover, cutting down trees, removal of clubhouse roof, removal of old electrical service and installation of new electrical service at the clubhouse, new clubhouse ceiling and lights, new double wall wooden berm alongside parking lot/shooting deck.

I will list the volunteers most of whom are members. If I missed someone, please excuse me. I did try to be very accurate. When you see them in the future, THANK THEM, for their hard work and accomplishments that we all will enjoy.

### MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEERS

Wayne Stott, Dave Mackert, Chris Bennett, Cliff Bennett, John Dowell, Marty Harsh, Jim Soulsby, Terry Himmler, Harold Logsdon, Clayton Blume, Richard Blume, Marvin Smith, Bob Wainwright, Danny Showalter, Josh Perrin, Frank Snyder, Roger Rowe, Jeff McCullough, Kenny Fuller, Danny Webster, Wayne Oster, Steve Oster, Denny Driver, John Riegel, Marshall Riegel, Mick Malone, Joe Lechliter, Tim Clark, Bernie Clark, Mike Ritter, Terry Bailey, Jon Eastham, Bill Lewis, Roger Rowe and Mike Winter.

### VOLUNTEER COMPANIES

Gill-Simpson • Oster Brothers

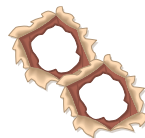
### FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN MSR1

L. D. Rudolph & Sons – Pavilion Contractor	22,827.10
Western MD Waste – Dumpster	435.00
Allegany Aggregates – Gravel	357.82
Mtn. View Storage Sheds – Relocate Shed	175.00
Robinette Excavating – Drill Post Holes	330.00
Dennis Driver – Electric Pole Placement	150.00
Gill-Simpson – Electric	555.74
Chris Bennett – Ceiling Wood Clubhouse	158.47
John Dowell – Paint for Clubhouse	205.52
Picnic Tables – Plastic Supports	199.24
Picnic Tables – Treated Lumber	242.53
Daniel Webster – Loading Bench	143.05
Miscellaneous – American Rental, Tarp, Water, Gift Card	292.29
Total on Clubhouse Roof and Pavilion	26,071.76



### WOODEN BERM WALL AT MSR1

Materials 84 Lumber, Fastenal, Surplus City	3,761.49
Allegany Aggregates – Gravel	354.32
Robinette Excavating – Post hole drilling	165.00
Chuck Laurie – Backhoe used for filling wall	200.00
Total wooden berm wall	4,480.81
Total Clubhouse/Pavilion	+ 26,071.76
Total MSR1 Construction & Upgrades	30,552.57
<b>NRA RANGE DEVELOPMENT GRANT</b>	<b>-3,000.00</b>
Total MSR1 Const. & Upgrades as of Nov. 15, 2011	\$27,552.57



## EIGHT NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are eight new life members for membership year 2012, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are Daniel R. Bussard, Sr., James E. Detrick, Thomas E. Detrick, James C. Carr, Frederick D. Kreiger, Robert T. Laird, Robert M. Van Meter and Robert M. Weatherholt. When you see these new Gold Life Card members congratulate them. That brings the total of life members to 92.

## 2011 RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to all who participated in the 2011 Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club Rendezvous. The weather held out and it was a great day of fun and competition at the Warrior Mountain Range. Jim Soulsby was there early to get the food station set up while Ron & Marvin Smith and Jim kept the hot food and drinks coming. Several members and wives brought corn bread and brownies and other good eats. There was something good to eat from early on till shortly after the drawings.

The Fort Hill Flinter's ran three muzzleloader matches and awarded prizes for first place (\$40), second place (\$20) and third place (\$15). John Dowell and Roger Rowe provided stiff competition as they each placed in the top three in all three of the smoke pole matches. Danny Webster, Austin Bennett and Dave Zaldonis also placed in the top three. A big thank you to Jackie Miller for the donation of a leather possible bag, it was given as a prize in one of the smoke pole matches.

Winners of the individual muzzleloader matches were as follows:

### Match 1

1. John Dowell
2. Roger Rowe
3. Danny Webster

### Match 2

1. John Dowell
2. Austin Bennett
3. Roger Rowe

### Match 3

1. Roger Rowe
2. Dave Zaldonis
3. John Dowell

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. Winners would advance from the relays if they knocked down three consecutive plates, not an easy task as most of us found out. The winners where first place Chris Bennett (\$100), second place Austin Bennett (\$75), third place was John Dowell (\$50).

The culmination of the day was the raffle drawing. Special thanks are due to club members Bob Wainwright who had the task of finding sellers and buyers as he chaired the Raffle. Thanks Bob for all your time and hard work and to Jim Moore of Moore's Gun Shop on Warrior Drive in Cresaptown who provided this year's prizes.

2011 Rendezvous Raffle Winners:

1. Smith & Wesson M&P Model 15T in 5.56mm Tactical.....Jim Speis
2. Remington 870 Wingmaster in 12 or 20 gauge .....Bob Fields
3. Henry Golden Boy in .22 LR.....Roger Rowe
4. Ruger Gunsite Scout Rifle in .308 .....Tink Phillips
5. Savage Mark II, BRJ in .22LR.....Chester Jeffrey

The Rendezvous Raffle netted the club \$3,600 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.



## GRAINS OF INFO

- NRA Range Development Grant of \$3000 dollars was received by the FHRPC for its recent construction of a new pavilion at the firing line at Morningside Range.
  - FREE FIRE WOOD for the taking, it will save the club money and benefit any member who needs firewood. Can cut anytime but must give right away for those who come to shoot. Clearing of trees for the new 50 yard range and the future berm on the north side of the 100 yard shooting deck at Morningside. Early morning (7-9) may be most productive time. Questions call John Dowell @ 301-724-5866.
  - WOODEN BERM WALL COMPLETE, what can you say the wooden wall at the Morningside rifle firing line is awesome, terrific job, very professional looking. We tip our hats to John Dowell for spear heading the project and his crew, Mick Malone, Joe Lechliter, Frank Snyder, Clayton Blume, Tim Clark, Bernie Clark, Cliff Bennett, Mike Ritter, Chris Bennett, Beatle Bailey, Jim Soulsby, Jon Eastham, Wayne Stott, Bill Lewis, Roger Rowe, and Mike Winter.
  - BENCH REST LEAGUE did well this past summer. Having all the benches occupied most of the Wednesday evenings improved on the competition quite a bit. This is a challenging shooting sport for all. A box of .22 LR and a rifle will get you going. Top Three Shooters were: Jody Daughton-246.79, 13.5X's, Bob Stahl-246.68, 12.8X's and Will Walsh-245.30, 12.3X's.
  - **RANGE SAFETY:** 1. Firearms should be carried from the vehicle to the firing line cased. Otherwise, uncased firearm actions are required to be open. Use of chamber flags is encouraged. 2. Benches and target frame holders are color coded. Please use matching colors for proper range use and safety. Thanks, Executive Officers.
  - **WORK PARTY:** MSR1 CLOSED on Saturday, Dec. 17th & Sunday, Dec. 18th for land clearing, tree cutting, brush burning.
- HELP NEEDED** bring gloves, chain saws, log splitters etc. Questions contact officers.



## In Memoriam



## FHRPC LOSES NORMAN O. WHITE

The FHRPC lost a good and faithful friend this past month. Norman O. White, a lifetime charter member of FHRPC passed from this earth on October 25, 2011. It was with great sadness and some joy when I was informed of his death, sadness of the loss of a good friend but joy that he will now be with his wife Hazel, the love of his life.

I believe there are few members that remain that had the pleasure of having been welcomed to the FHRPC by Norm. Holding the club's Executive Secretary job starting in the mid 1940's until approx... The early 1970's, when his job was terminated as the old river power plant was closed. He then moved to Williamsport in order to have employment. Norm never forgot the FHRPC, ever. For many years he continued to shoot in most of the leagues by postal and once in a while he returned to shoot shoulder to shoulder with our members. To say that Norman was a well-respected club member and of his community would be putting it mildly. We will miss you Norm...

Frank Snyder

## SIGHT-IN DAYS HELD

Sight-In Days for local deer hunters was held on Sunday, November 13th, Saturday, November 19th, and Sunday, November 20th between the hours of 1000 hrs. and 1500 hrs. according to Executive Officer Jim Soulsby. As in past years FHRPC members Jim Brant, Jim Detrick, Kenny Fuller, Bill Gero, "Beatle" Bailey, Ed Gaglio, Steve Isner, Frank Snyder, Mike Ritter, Bob Wainwright, Pete Peterson, Bill Lewis-Club Photographer, Chris Bennett, and Marty Harsh were working the shooting benches or assisting area deer hunters zero in their rifles. Last but not least head cook Clayton Blume, Danny Wakefoose and the members that brought food dishes out for all to enjoy. A BIG THANK YOU! Last year's free will donation totaled \$225.00, this newsletter was at the printers so will let you know 2011's donations later.



## 2012 DUES DUE

Membership dues for the Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club for the calendar year 2012 are fifty dollars (\$50.00) and are due by December 31, 2011, with a grace period to the night of the annual meeting. No dues will be accepted after that night. 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 (\$50.00) plus NRA dues (\$25.00) with magazine or (\$10.00) without magazine. Mail to Chris Bennett, 11710 Morningside Drive NE, Cumberland, Maryland 21502, prior to December 31, 2011. 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.

## 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol club is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Allegany County Center for Technical Education (Vo-Tech Center) on McMullen Highway. The topics of interest include continued range improvements at Morningside (MSR#1) and Warrior Mt. (WMR#2).

## 2011 SERVICE RIFLE SUMMARY

The Service Rifle League had a very busy and successful year. We held 17 CMP sanctioned matches and 9 NRA league matches this year. Many of our club members have discovered F-Class and are having fun at the 600-yard matches shooting their favorite varmint rifle. Our club was the first CMP affiliated club to hold a CMP 800 Aggregate Service Rifle Match. Our first scheduled CMP 800 was rained out but we still managed to hold the first one. Our last EIC match of the year was a big one. We had 32 non-distinguished shooters and several of the shooters were from the Naval Academy. Our resident Marine had some fun with the cadets. Most of the league shooters have started to practice for 2012 because we don't want to be the one with the monkey on our back at the away games.

Fourteen regular league shooters, which included nine club members, went to Camp Butner, NC for the Eastern CMP Games and Creedmoor Cup Matches. We spent quality time with R. Lee Ermey and the CMP crew. Amy and Christina took care of the Fort Hill bunch at Camp Butner and Camp Perry this year. Here is a group picture taken at Camp Butner.



Several club members went to Camp Perry, OH for the National Matches. Fifteen league shooters brought home a few gold medals, several silver medals, many bronze medals and a few shooters came home with some LEG points. Everyone shooting gamer matches at Perry always brings home cotton and a handful of campy match ammo.

# FORT HILL “SNOWBIRD MATCH” 2012 SCHEDULE

## January 2012

Sun, Jan 1st Polar Bear Match (Warrior Mountain Range)  
Sat, Jan 7th Garand/Springfield Match (Warrior Mountain Range)  
Sun, Jan 15th M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)  
Sun, Jan 29th Vintage Sniper Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

## February 2012

Sat, Feb 4th M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)  
Sun, Feb 12th Vintage Sniper Match (Warrior Mountain Range)  
Sun, Feb 26th Garand/Springfield Match (Warrior Mountain Range)

## March 2012

Sat, Mar 3rd Vintage Sniper Match (Warrior Mountain Range)  
Sun, Mar 11th Garand/Springfield Match (Warrior Mountain Range)  
Sat, Mar 17th Garand/Springfield Match (Warrior Mountain Range)  
Sat, Mar 24th M1 Carbine & Rimfire Sporter Match (Morningside Range)

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

The course of fire for the “Vintage Sniper Match” will be the same as the “National Matches” except each shooter will fire 20 shots for record at 300 and at 600 yards.

The “Garand/Springfield Matches” are the standard CMP vintage rifle match consisting of two 35 shot matches.

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.

## NRA ACTION PISTOL

The weekend of August 20 and 21 we hosted our 3rd annual Western Maryland Regional and Maryland State NRA Action Pistol Championships, and it was our best yet. Not only did the weather cooperate, we had our largest turnout of competitors with fifty-six registered shooters for the two matches. After the smoke cleared and dust settled from the nearly 12,000 rounds fired over the weekend, of no surprise, Doug Koenig, 12 time Bianchi Cup champion, took home the top honors in Saturday’s regional match, setting a new national record in the Modified Moving Target Event in the process. Carl Bernosky, also a world class action pistol shooter and 11 time NRA High Power Rifle National Champion, barely edged out Kevin Angstadt of southern Virginia, by three X’s for the silver medal. Sunday’s State Championship was won by Steve Huff of Hardy, Virginia. Steve, a relative newcomer to the sport of action pistol, having taken up the sport just last year, is by no means an inexperienced shooter. He has been awarded the CMP’s Distinguished badge in service rifle, service pistol and NRA revolver so it’s obvious he knows how to pull a trigger. Kevin Angstadt was close behind and John Sanders (a Grand Senior, 70+ years of age), took home third. Californian Vera Koo, holder of eight National Titles and two World Titles turned in stellar performances in both matches to earn the Senior title both days. A total of seven new national records were set and five existing records tied during the two days of competition. Details of scores, records and awards can be found at the club’s web site, [www.fhrpc.org](http://www.fhrpc.org). All of this could never have been possible without the monumental efforts and commitment of range officers Terry Wilson, Ed Gaglio, Jimmy Soulsby, Jeff Wagoner, Tim Clark, score keepers and number crunchers Bob Wainwright, Marvin Smith, Jim Soulsby, Bill Lewis, Kathy Dowell, and of course chief cook and bottle washer Clayton Blume. Two thumbs up to all.

## **BULLSEYE LEAGUE**

The 2011 season for the Bullseye pistol league had one of its best years ever. We have added several new shooters and on at least two occasions, during the morning shoot, every shooting position was filled. This is definitely a good thing because it tells me that FHRPC members are talking to each other as well as other interested shooters and are breathing new life into our league.

The top shooter this year was no surprise: it was John Dowell with a cumulative total of 94.9. The number 2, 3 and 4 slots went to Jack Snyder, Terry Wilson and Joe McDaniel respectively with scores of 89.7, 89.5 and 89. This year, we welcomed new shooters Dan Bussard, Hunter Brakeall, Ben Wolters, and Ken Glessner. Dan and Hunter are young guys and the future of the Bullseye league is looking to them as the future of the sport and our league. Also, Ben is a traveling pilot who carries concealed on the job so he always has good advice for us.

It has been a pleasure to have chaired this year's league and I plan on sticking with it indefinitely. A big kudos and attaboy goes to good ole Frank Snyder for keeping the scores and coming up with the yearend report.

Remember, you don't have to be a member to shoot with us and you don't need a big investment to start. Just bring out a typical 22 semi-auto and we'll get you started.

Until next year!  
Jimmy Soulsby, MSgt, USAF, retired

## **2011 SILHOUETTE LEAGUE**

Well, I thought last year was the best year but this league just keeps growing and why not with great competition, good fellowship and a lot of fine shooting. There were 30 regular shooters with 14 other shooters in the mix with 4 or less matches.

The highlight of the season was the last match Sunday, September 18th, Good shooting weather coupled with good food and the enjoyment of our wives, girlfriends enjoying the afternoon made the day special. The greatest thanks go to the women and their fine dishes and of course the members that make it all possible. They are if you don't know Jim Soulsby, Frank Snyder, Clayton Blume, Mike McCullough and Ed Gaglio just to name a few. Please be sure to thank them for their efforts during the season and for making one Sunday afternoon very pleasurable.

A special request from Jim and Frank is they will need some old and young manpower if we expect to improve on the number of shooting positions for next year. We will keep you informed as we go along. I feel quite certain the total of 14,480 rounds fired this year will be a record hard to beat in the coming years.

Stay warm, clean the rifles and stay safe until we meet in April 2012...Frank





## 2011 SMALL BORE PRONE LEAGUE RESULTS

It is a great feeling to instruct a young person how to shoot and then see them apply what you teach and consistently improve. Without exception that is what has happened with the young men who have been shooting on Friday nights. Last year and the first part of this year it was easy to see them improve with each match. Part way through the summer, most hit a plateau but they were all amazed at how much better they were than when they started. Now they all understand the basics and can work on fine tuning the mechanics of each shot.

I would encourage anyone who really has a desire to become a better shooter to come out and participate. You will be amazed at how Smallbore Prone Shooting helps you understand the necessity of proper position, breathing, muscle control, sight picture, trigger squeeze and follow through. These principles are the basics for all marksmanship disciplines; they will carry over to all manner of shooting whether it is competitive shooting or hunting.

Smallbore League was shortened this year because of the construction of the new covered firing point and the addition of the rimfire sporter match one Friday a month, but the time we had was productive. We had five junior shooters, a few old regulars and even three new shooters who gave it a try.

League Standings were as follows for all of those who fired at least two matches:

Name	Possible score	Actual score	Average shot	10	Last Average	Yr.
Eli Barr	2600	2254-22x	<b>86.7</b>		87.2	
Austin Bennett	1600	1582-74x	<b>98.9</b>		97.9	
Clifton Bennett	3800	3790-246x	<b>99.7</b>		99.6	
Daniel Coleman	3800	2254-15x	<b>86.7</b>		83.5	
Jesse Coleman	1200	877-6x	<b>73.0</b>		50.0	
Hunter Flinchbaugh	1200	1014-7x	<b>84.5</b>		68.4	
Wayne Stott	3800	3663-89x	<b>96.3</b>		94.9	
Mike Ritter	800	794-45x	<b>99.2</b>		98.6	

*Thanks to all of those who came out to lend their support on Friday nights!!!*



# 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

NRA DUES: **(please select membership desired)**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP **(with magazine)**   \$25.00   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP **(no magazine)**   \$10.00   \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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