

SHARP SHOOTER

FHRPC SUMMER/FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE TO ARTICLE 3.2 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Discussion has been circulating on the need to change or we were heading down a road similar to Social Security, where we have a few paying for many. As of this newsletter we have 118 Life members and this is 25.2% of the membership and this number continues to grow.

Liability Insurance cost on total membership and membership numbers keep going up and we are charged per member. With attrition, life expectancy of members in 1944 was 63 where as today members can reach into their 80's.

Members were asked to entertain a motion that we have a By-law change and ratification at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

The proposed By-Laws change would affect only those joining the club after 2016.

Current Article 3.2 Life Membership reads as follows;

A Life Member is any member in good standing with twenty-five or more years of continuous membership with the FHRPC. A Life Member is exempt from paying yearly dues.

Proposed change to one of the following options:

(1) A Life Member is any member in good standing with twenty-five or more years of continuous membership in FHRPC and is at least sixty-five years of age. A Life Member is exempt from paying yearly dues.

(2) A Life Member is any member in good standing with twenty-five or more years of continuous membership in FHRPC and is at least sixty-five years of age. A Life Member is entitled to a 50% reduction in annual dues.

(3) Drop the category of Life Membership completely.

If adopted, the change would not affect membership status of any current member, only those joining the club after 2016. All current members will be treated in accordance to current Article 3.2 Life Membership.

ARTICLE 5. DUES

The Membership Secretaries have been discussing a possible dues schedule change to Article 5.1 Annual Dues By-Law to facilitate the paying of dues.

The current Article 5.1 Annual Dues By-Law reads as follows;

Annual dues must be paid by December 31 of each year with a grace period to the evening of the annual meeting. There will be no late dues accepted, no late payment fees assessed. After the evening of the Annual Meeting a regular member who failed to pay his dues is no longer in good standing and will be dropped from the membership roster.

The proposed By-Law Amendment to Article 5.1 would read;

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.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT MSR1 & WMR2 COMPLETED

It has been a little over a year ago that current range improvements that are now completed were started. The range improvements started with the demolition of the pavilion at the Bullseye Range at MSR1. Approximately twenty five volunteers showed up on September 27th and 28th and leveled the old cover.

BULLSEYE PAVILION

Construction started on the new Bullseye pavilion at the end of October and was plus or minus eight days in duration. We went under contract with Frontier Builders owned by Todd Ritchey with the low bid for the project. Some of the work completed included 15 X 84 foot pavilion, a 12 X 84 broom finish concrete pad, a electrical conduit ditch, new panel box and lights.

PICNIC AREA AT MSR1

Included in the proposed 2015 Budget were improvements to the picnic area with the addition of a concrete pad.

Many members had stated that if this area were concrete it would be easier to work with and keep clean since this is food prep and eating area. Membership voted to agree with this proposal at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Two estimates were acquired from local contractors and Frontier Builders owned by Todd Ritchey who already was on site at MSR1 was the low bid. Work on the pad was completed in early spring.

SILHOUETTE DECK EXTENSION

Included in the proposed 2015 Budget were improvements to the concrete deck at the Silhouette Pavilion at WMR.

With funding set aside by the league and financial help from the club we will be able to increase the number of participants from 12 to 16 on the firing line. This will allow the league to finish the matches in a timely manner. In the past, with three relays, we were always in a rush to finish before dusk according to Ed Gaglio, chairman of the Silhouette League.

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ELECTRIC SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR WELL

In June the old hand pump on the club's well at the Morningside Drive property was replaced with an electric submersible pump thanks to club member, Jeff McCullough, owner of Jeff's Quality Pump SVC & Water Treatment, 301 264-4744. Backhoe work was handled by Chuck Laurie and the gang of usual suspects contributed the manual labor. **PLEASE NOTE:** 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.



WARRIOR MOUNTAIN RANGE

October 2015 brought significant and much needed improvements to our Warrior Mountain Range. First Fruits Excavating, Inc. (Buck Dayton) created a parking lot by excavating the hillside to the left of the 300 yard firing line to make access more convenient for those who may be less physically able to cart their gear up to the firing line from the main parking lot. The dirt was used to broaden and straighten the 600 yard berm, making that firing line parallel to the targets. Now the firing line can be positioned to make it a true 600 yard range.

All these improvements mentioned above were made possible in part by the generosity of the NRA who once again selected our club as a recipient of a Range Development Grant.



**600 yard firing berm.
Broadened and straightened.**



**Handicapped accessible & extended
parking. Walker friendly berm to
300 yard line.**



**Bank cut back to facilitate roadway
and #1 shooting position.**

RAFFLE AT THE RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to all who participated in the 2015 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 81.5% of the total membership bought or sold or returned their two tickets to be redistributed (and those few returned tickets, were all sold).

Fifty two 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 \$6,016.04 which makes the 2015 Raffle at The Rendezvous at Morningside a complete success.

Raffle Winners were;

Rem. 700 BDL in .243 Win. – Tana Durst
Henry Big Boy in .45 Colt – Bob Wainwright
Ruger Hawkeye in .308 Win. – Mick Livingston
Savage Varminter in .17 Hornet – Jack Gerhard
Henry Golden Boy in .22 L.R. – John Dowell
Savage Mark II in .22 L.R. – Pete Gostomski

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

GRAINS OF INFO

Dues Notices for the calendar year 2016 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 2015 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.

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 maybe 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 5, 2016 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 12, at 6:00 p.m. at CCTE.

NINE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

There are nine new life members for membership year 2016, with 25 years of consecutive annual membership in the FHRPC. They are Richard L. Blume, Ronald J. Dahl, Jr., Richard H. Edwards, II, Kevin Kelly, John A. Knieriem, Charles A. Laurie, Harvey W. May, Jr., Barry S. Miller and James M. Stegmaier. When you see these new Gold Card Life Members congratulate them. This will bring the total of life members up to 118.

2015 NRA RANGE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Once again in 2015 the NRA was gracious enough to grant the FHRPC with a range development grant. With these funds handicap parking, equipment unloading and upgrades to the 600 yard firing line berm were completed in October at Warrior Mountain Range. These improvements were made possible in part by the generosity of the NRA.

Throughout the years the NRA has financially supported our club range development numerous times. These funds have significantly assisted us in the creation of the facilities we presently enjoy. Every chance you get, support the NRA, we're all in this together.

COMBINATION CHANGES

Combination changes at both ranges March 26th, 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 fourth annual Fred Krieger black powder shooting match and steak feed at morning side range on Sunday, October 11th. Jackie Miller made and donated a nice shooting bag again this year and Jeff McCullough won it on a drawing. Mike Winter 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 20 Monday evening matches scheduled starting April 20th and finishing up September 14th. Ron Smith was the only shooter that made all 20 matches and rolled in with a 338.65 average with 38X's.

Top three shooters for the season in order were:

Danny Jackson with a 375.0 average with 39X's, six matches in

Paul Hardy with a 352.45 average with 33X's, 11 matches in

Mick Malone with a 347.3 average with 27X's, 10 matches in

A good time was had by all who attended the matches which were 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.

RIFLE MATCHES AT THE RENDEZVOUS

Thanks to FHRPC Officers Chris Bennett, Cliff Bennett and members 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**, Mike Ritter shooting a Model 70 Winchester in .270 Win., (Jack O'Connor would have been proud). **2nd Place**, Steve Isner shooting a Model 700 Remington in 6mm Rem. **3rd Place**, Bill Lewis shooting a Model 70 Winchester in .30/06.

The results from the Cowboy Lever Action Match are as follows; Thirty to Forty some participants on the day, **1st Place**, Cliff Bennett time 7.21 with 5 hits shooting a Henry Golden Boy in .22 LR. **2nd Place**, Ed Gaglio time 7.22 with 5 hits shooting a Winchester Model 94 in .30/30. **3rd Place**, Austin Bennett time 7.58 with 5 hits shooting a Henry Golden Boy in .22LR.

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.

2015 HIGH POWER RIFLE LEAGUE

The High Power Rifle League had a phenomenal 2015 season. In addition to hosting the Maryland State Service Rifle Championship and the Maryland State As-Issued Military Rifle Championship, during 2015 the League held six NRA-Approved Across The Course League Matches, six NRA-Approved Mid-Range Prone & F-Class League Matches, five CMP-Sanctioned Service Rifle Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches, and five CMP-Sanctioned As-Issued Games Matches. Highlights from this season for the NRA matches include junior shooter Robert McClain winning the NRA High Power Across The Course League, Greg Spitzer winning the NRA Mid-Range Prone League, and John Hose winning the Mid-Range F-Class League. For the CMP matches, highlights include **Tim Bloss** earning a Silver medal in one EIC match and a Bronze medal in the largest EIC match we've ever held (37 non-distinguished competitors). **Match Info** @ <http://www.fhrpc.org/servicerifle/matchresults.html>

The FHRPC High Power League hosted the inaugural CMP-Sanctioned Maryland State As-Issued Military Rifle Championship this year. This new championship was held over two days in early June, and consisted of a Vintage Military Rifle match, a Springfield Rifle match, an M1 Garand Rifle match, and a Modern Military Rifle match. **Danny Jackson, Jr.**, won both the Vintage Military Rifle match and the Springfield Rifle matches, while **Tim Bloss** won the M1 Garand match and Richard Bodine won the Modern Military Rifle match. By the end of the second day, **Tim Bloss** was able to hold off the competition and earned the title of the first Maryland State As-Issued Military Rifle Champion!

The High Power Rifle League also hosted the 4th Annual CMP-Sanctioned Maryland State Service Rifle Championship on September 26, 2015. The weather managed to hold out, and there were 39 shooters competing, setting a new range record! Once the final scores were tallied, Roy Leidy was crowned the 2015 Maryland State Service Rifle Champion. Second Overall was MSgt Greg Blackstock of the All Guard Team, and Third Overall went to Robert McClain from the West Virginia Junior Rifle Team. On the heels of Robert was Matthew Lovre, who earned the title of Junior Champion. Lauren Owens of the West Virginia Junior Rifle Team claimed Woman Champion, while the title of Senior Champion went to **Roger Bloss**.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making the High Power League's 2015 season a huge success!

Club members once again attained numerous distinctions at regional, national, and international matches this season. During the *East Coast Palma Championship* at Camp Bunter, NC in April, **Dave Thompson** placed Second Overall and **Matt Lechliter** took Third Overall in the championship. At the East Coast Fullbore Nationals in April, **the Fort Hill Gold Team set THE National Record in International Fullbore Prone**. This team championship was fired over 3 days, and included the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and Team Remington, among others. On the final day, Team Remington completed firing first and realized that they had just beaten the existing open record of 1569-56X by 2-points. But minutes later, when our FHRPC team finished, we not only had won the team championship with a 1576-65X, but also exceeded the existing open team record set by the US Palma team years ago by an astonishing 7-points!!!

At the *Remington Long Range Regional* at Reade Range in June, **Dave Thompson** was Overall Palma Champion and took home a Remington 1911R1 pistol! During the National Trophy Individual Match, **Roy Musselwhite** earned his first 10-point leg and Bronze Daniel Boone Medal, and **John Dowell** earned the prestigious **Distinguished Rifleman** badge by earning his final points at Camp Perry! John is the 2,248th civilian to earn the DR badge since its inception in 1887, is the first FHRPC Club member to earn both the Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot badges, and joins the following Distinguished Rifleman club members: Dave Brantner (1982, #462), Ron Schwenninger (1992, #1001), Dave Thompson (2003, #1657), Terry Barnes (2004, #1675), Matt Lechliter (2010, USAF #330), and Danny Jackson, Jr (2012, #2112).

Matt Lechliter, Dave Thompson, and Dave Brantner also competed in the *National Fullbore Championship* in early August at Camp Perry, OH, and were joined by **Roy Musselwhite** in competing in the World Long Range Championship in mid-August. The World Long Range Championship is only held in the United States once every 24 years. Even being selected to compete in the World Championship was an arduous process, and the Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club was well represented at the Worlds!

BULLSEYE LEAGUE

On Sept 2014 and after the final match of the year the old pistol covered firing point was raised. It took only a few hours to reduce it to a pile of lumber. Since then and through the fall, winter and spring a new cover point was built, finished with only a few small projects needed completing in time for the first match of 2015.

A Big Thank You must go to the people that took on some of the major project. They are VP Chris Bennett (electrical work), Treasure John Dowell (project manager), Members Greg Miller (sitting benches), and Mick Malone (fab & welder) and asking forgiveness to those that this 77 year old mind has forgot.

The first year turned out well. As in the past few years John Dowell, took High Shooter with an average of 92.79, second place goes to Joe McDaniel with a 88.24 average and followed closely behind was Jack Snyder boasting a 87.88 average. High 22 shooter was Hunter Breakall with an average of 87.22 in 2nd place is Chuck Laurie with an average of 84.73 and 3rd is Marvin Smith with an average of 84.20. New season start in May 2016 See Jim 724-0724 or Frank 777-1298 for information.

BENCH REST LEAGUE

The Bench Rest League finished up with their annual steak feed. The league headed up by Chef & Chairman Dan James. The dinner was as good as it could get leaving the attending shooters wishing for more. Co-chaired by Christy & Jim McCullough the league boasted an increase in shooters having a total of 17 different shooters during the year.

Jack Gauntz came through with the best scoring average of 249.04 followed by Bill Welsh with an ave. of 247.82 and in third place James Ware with an ave. of 247.30. For more info. on the BR league please call Jim or Christy 240-580-4868 or Frank 301-777-1298. Note.... The BR league will be looking for a new chairman or co-chairman for the 2016. Please call if interested.

COMBAT PISTOL

Fort Hill Rifle & Pistol Club's Combat Pistol Matches has started with a bang. From the first shoot, we averaged 22 shooters of all skill levels and genders. Everyone so far has found it fun and exciting. After only three scheduled shoots, there was such high demand from participants we extended the season. There was a very casual atmosphere. RSO's stressed safe firearms handling at all times. Participants were timed and for the most part scored at all stages, but NO scores were kept. Just come out and build your skill set. You can use almost any pistol or revolver in a standard pistol cartridge, except single action revolvers, due to the time it takes to reload. There are men that are using .22 Autos. Targets are a mix of paper & Steel plates set at varying distances from 1-50 yards. Most use holsters, but if you don't have one yet, bring a small range bag to carry your pistol around between stages.

So come on, let the Gunfighter in you out for a morning because "We deal in lead, Friend."

SIGHT-IN DAYS 2015

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 to assist local deer hunters in zeroing in their rifle sights.

Sight-In Days November schedule at Morning Side Range is Sunday, 15th, Saturday, 21st and Sunday, 22nd. 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 2015 Silhouette league continues to bring an average of 25 shooters a week with 46 different shooters participating in the league this season. In 17 matches, the league fired approximately 16,830 rounds of .22 LR with a league average score of 13.1

We continue to have a very strong showing from the ladies of the league. We have 5 ladies that if the need arose, could consistently put meat on the table for their family. I want to say I'm proud to share the firing line with you. Great shooting ladies, keep it up.

We continue to try to improve the range in order to facilitate more shooters. I believe we have reached our capacity with 16 shooters on a relay. This was much more comfortable thanks to the extension of concrete pad in front of the covered firing point this year. This and the addition of small bracket tables that mount to the 6x6 post allow us to spread out in front of the tables when we have more than 12 shooters on a relay.

Top shooters this year are: 1st Place, Ed Gaglio (21.8 avg.), 2nd Place, Chris Bennett (21.1 avg.) 3rd Place, Bill Lewis (20.7 avg.)

Dues Notice & NRA Application Enclosed

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