

Anne Arundel Fish & Game Conservation Association

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

- Thomas Jefferson



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

IT'S A MIRACLE!

That's right folks, **Ballistic Fingerprinting requirements in Maryland are DEAD!** No more fired shell casing requirement during the purchase or transfer of a new or used handgun. At the last hour of the session, the folks working behind the scenes were able to score this major upset victory for the 2A rights! We all owe a huge debt of thanks to MSI, AGC, MSRPA and others for the hard work, and successful strategizing that led to this SURPRISE outcome for Maryland's gun owners.

Brian Swift
AAFG Legislative Chair

Take Note: The following are the remaining Sanctioned Weekends for 2015:

May 16/17
June 20/21
September 12/13

October 10/11
November 7/8

Centerfire shooting hours on Sanctioned Weekends (both Saturday and Sunday) are 10am - 8pm (daylight permitting).

Come join us for our...

Club Dinner & General Meeting

May 14th

Dinner ~ 7 PM
Meeting ~ 8 PM



*Dinner by Mike & Kathy Anderson...
The Kitchen Committee!*


From the President

Fellow AA&FGers,

The weather is beautiful, wish you were here! FINALLY I can enjoy the outdoors again without the need for winter survival gear! It has been a long and hard winter to say the least. I hope the AAF&G general membership is as excited to enjoy the club as I am in the warm months ahead.

With the weather no longer an obstacle, my attention turns to trigger time and the wonderful diversity of marksmanship matches AAF&G affords. I invite EVERYONE to come out and enjoy a friendly shooting match or organized shooting event this year at AAF&G. As stated in a previous SCORE column, but worth saying again: AAF&G offers safe and fun competitions in several disciplines, as well as for many different skill levels from beginner to expert. If you think you are not ready for a competition, you are most likely wrong. AAF&G offers something for everyone in rifle, pistol, and shotgun matches. The best way to learn about what AAF&G has to offer is researching the SCORE and reaching out to a contact person. Furthermore, if you ever have any questions about any type of firearm competition, please email me and I will help. One thing I have found in my years of competing is that competition shooters are welcoming and more than eager to help new shooters. This is very true at AAF&G.

President, continued on Page 2.

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AAF&G Range Rules:
<http://www.aafg.org/safety.html#rules>

Club Officers & Activities:
www.aafg.org/activities

2015 Holidays / Shooting Hours:
www.aafg.org/hours

2015 Orientation Sessions:
www.aafg.org/orientation

AAF&G Forum:
<http://z13.invisionfree.com/AAFandG/index.php>

Calendar
http://www.aafg.org/docs/Score/Calendar_May2015.pdf



President, from Page 1.

More than likely, the equipment you have now can work for some of the matches or organized shooting events we hold at AAF&G – 22 Rimfire (rifle and pistol), Vintage Rifle, IDPA Pistol, Trap Shotgun, Bullseye Pistol, Appleseed event, etc. Participation in organized matches or other organized shooting events can take your shooting to the next level, as well as create lasting friendships. For Junior shooters the benefits are even greater. If you know of any juniors who are interested in marksmanship, please consider introducing him or her to organized competition. The future of shooting sports is with our youth.

Also worth mentioning again, now that the nice weather is upon us: I am asking the membership to consider getting involved and helping out the club in any way you can – be it as part of an organized work party or just helping your favorite disciplines point of contact with some work. Anything you can do to help AAF&G is much appreciated. If you are a casual plinker, please consider helping the Plinking Range chairperson out, etc. Getting involved is a wonderful way to help out the club.

Hope to see you on the range this month. Stay safe and share our sport,

Walt Romaniu



Appleseed — Patriot's Day event! 7 shooters earn their Rifleman designation!

See YOU on the line!
Spots STILL available
on the line!

Sign up here: <http://appleseedinfo.org/search-states-display.php?qstate=MD&statername=Maryland>
Like us here: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Appleseed-Maryland/264406060313831>
Email us here: appleseedmaryland@gmail.com

Brian Swift

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JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

The Junior Rifle Program started the season with a rifle cleaning session, presentation of medals earned last fall, and a shooting session at the range. A work party will be held on April 26th prior to shooting for the day.

I'd like to welcome back Junior Shooters **David Pitt, Alex Kubera, Christopher Ours, Thadeus Triandos, Paul Hicks, Ben Dearing, Dolan Carella, Katie Hickey, Abbie Boak, Matthew Maglin, Mete Gorgulu** and **Corey Doyen**.

On Saturday, June 6th the junior shooters will participate in the "Libby" pone match in Marriottsville. The month of May will be dedicated to practice for this match.

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Anne Arundel County Friends of the NRA Banquet to be held on August 22, 2015 at the Elks Club. Please support Youth in MD.

If you would like information about our program or help finding another program in the area (I have a wait list at this time), please email me at andrea@chesmill.com.

Have Fun Shooting & Remember Youth are our Future!

Andrea Miller

Chairman Jr. Rifle Program



Left to right: Katie Hickey, Corey Doyen, Mete Gorgulu, Matthew Maglin, Dolan Carella, Abbie Boak and Christopher Ours.

MAY RSOs and BACKUP RSOs

05/02/2015 Primary: Tom Menefee
Backup: Tracy Nolte

05/09/2015 Primary: Tracy Nolte
Backup: Brad Quintal

05/16/2015 Primary: William Pierson
Backup: Ricky Dicken

05/23/2015 Primary: Thomas Byrne
Backup: Vacant

05/30/2015 Primary: Jack Blundell
Backup: Frank Calcaterra

NRA Qualification Medals Earned:

Marksman - Mete Gorgulu

Marksman 1st - Abbie Boak, Dolan Carella, Corey Doyen, Mete Gorgulu, Matthew Maglin

Sharpshooter - Abbie Boak, Dolan Carella, Mete Gorgulu, Paul Hicks, Matthew Maglin

S/S Bar 1 - Ben Dearing, Katie Hickey, Paul Hicks, Christopher Ours, Thadeus Triandos

S/S Bar 2 - Abbie Boak, Dolan Carella, Corey Doyen, Katie Hickey, Paul Hicks, Matthew Maglin, Christopher Ours, Thadeus Triandos

S/S Bar 3 - Ben Dearing, Abbie Boak, Dolan Carella, Katie Hickey, Paul Hicks, Matthew Maglin, Christopher Ours, Thadeus Triandos

S/S Bar 4 - Ben Dearing, Abbie Boak, Katie Hickey, Matthew Maglin

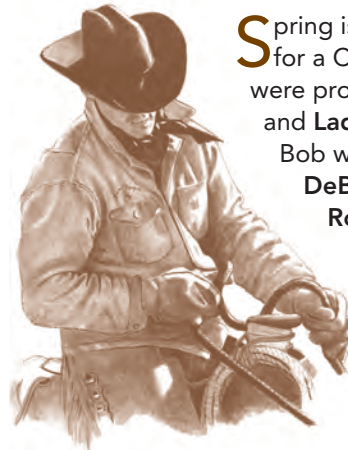
S/S Bar 5 - Ben Dearing, Abbie Boak, Katie Hickey, Paul Hicks

S/S Bar 6 - Ben Dearing

S/S Bar 8 - Christopher Ours

S/S Bar 9 - Christopher Ours

COWBOY ACTION



Spring is here! It was a beautiful day for a Cowboy shoot. Great stages were provided by **Buffalo Creek Bob** and **Lady Blackhawk**. Buffalo Creek Bob won the day followed by **MT DeBanks** and **Millcreek Mona**.

Robin DeBanks had the only clean stage when it came to the Texas Star and Lady Blackhawk had the only other clean stage. Something to be said for taking your time and aiming. **LT Romaine** would have been third, if he hadn't missed the

Texas Star and had a procedural on stage 1. A 35 second penalty... not sure which eye he was using on that one.

May's shoot will be on May 16th. Come on out and shoot with us!

Millcreek Mona

(Riverboat Bob was fishing, but still added his 2 cents.)

Remember: Telling a man to get lost and makin' him do it are two entirely different propositions.



Action Pistol Range Spring Cleaning!

Shooters from Cowboy Action, IDPA, and Rimfire Action joined together in a work party at the Action Pistol range on Saturday April 25th. A cookout followed and everyone had an opportunity to relax and socialize. Thanks to **Guy Bellanca, Michael Burke, Jim Dorsey, Dale Fatherlos, Ken Grant, Frank Lessiak, Kevin McCarthy, Rick Paukstitus, Jim Price and Randy Ronzitti** for their help. A special thanks to **Jacque and Jack Blundell** for preparing a delicious meal, and to **Skip Miller** for his constant stewardship of the range.

“QUOTES TO NOTE”

“I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials.”

- George Mason

DEADLINE FOR JUNE SCORE MATERIALS IS MAY 23RD.

Send material to David Hickey at aafg.score@gmail.com

THE GALLERY



by Eric Smith

MEMBER'S CORNER

I grew up as an avid hunter and outdoorsman. I enjoyed nature and getting out into remote areas hunting. A good friend of mine named Tom Remington, who is an avid hunter and outdoorsman, has published a book about his deer hunting experiences in remote areas of Maine. The title of the book is *The Legend of the Grey Ghost*, second edition. I recommend this book to deer hunters and to people who enjoy nature and being in the great outdoors. Tom and his coauthor son write about spending countless hours in the woods of Maine, all of which was a part of growing up

in rural America. They write about gun safety, learning how to hunt, being in the outdoors, traditions in a hunting camp, and the search for a huge deer they call the Grey Ghost. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

I am the coauthor of a book titled *The Real Wolf* which has been recently published. This book argues for the control and management of wolves. I sell copies for \$14 ea. plus MD tax and shipping costs. My address is 900 Hillen Drive, Millersville, MD. Phone: 410-987-7670.) This book is available on Amazon. I am also the author of the book *Wolves in Russia* which is now out of print. However, I am working to have this book republished with additions.

Will Graves



Eccles Range

Club Matches

The next **Service Rifle/MSR/Any Rifle subject to the FSA of 2013 (except M1A) match will be held on May 2nd from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.**

The next **Vintage Military Rifle Match** will be held on May 16th from 10:00am to 12:00 noon and will be for Manual Bolt Action Rifles.

New Service and Vintage Military Rifle Match shooters should consider arriving NLT 09:30 in order to familiarize themselves with the course of fire and get guidance in use of the sling. A 5 minute unlimited sighter shot sighting-in period will precede the record fire phases. For details on high power rifle match requirements, please visit the web page at <http://aafg.org/events.html>.

NOTE: in order to better accommodate our casual, non-match shooting riflemen, the schedule for the **VINTAGE AS-ISSUED MILITARY Rifle matches** will change beginning February 2015. These matches **will now be held on the THIRD (3rd) Saturday of the month instead of the 2nd Saturday.** This change will provide non-match shooters with a full 3-hour Saturday of shooting between scheduled matches so no longer will you have to wait two weeks until you have a full 3 hr. Saturday.

Match Scores on the Forum. Don't forget, scores from current and most preceding Service, Vintage, Very Vintage, and Rimfire Sporter Rifle matches can be found on the AAF&G Forum (see Upcoming AAF&G Events on the Home Page to enter). Other stuff is also posted on the Forum. Give it a look-see sometime. Sign up for members is easy! And for non-members, nigh unto impossible! This is your exclusive AAF&G members only forum and is for all sorts of gun/shooting/2nd Amendment/club operations info, some of which may not be for non-member consumption. Check it out.

Shooting benches at the high power range firing line. Since many of our shooters like to practice shooting from prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions and the benches have to be pulled to the rear of the firing line for this purpose, we have tried a few different approaches to improving shooting bench mobility with limited success, until now.

We started with just picking up the bench and moving it to the rear. This...was... an...annoyance! The benches are heavy and don't lend themselves to being dragged very nicely. Then we put a handle on the back to make picking up one end and dragging the bench. Meh, not so hot either. Then we put some metal casters (ball bearings in a race,

actually) to allow the bench to roll. That actually worked out fine until the ball bearings and races got filled with grit and gravel from the floor (yes, we could sweep the firing line more frequently but, hey, we come to shoot. If we want to do honey-dos we would stay home.) Finally, Steve Barney had enough and equipped the benches with rubber wheel castors, the two in the front fixed and the rear one swivels and locks. Now the benches can be moved easily. However, remember I said the rear wheel swivels and locks? If you like the shooting bench to provide a firm platform, you might consider locking the rear wheel. This is done by pushing down with your toe on the tab on the right side of the rear wheel. To unlock, lift the tab up with your toe. The lock might be a bit stiff to operate at first so do what you have to get it unlocked. Some shooters (no names) have been observed dragging the benches to the side. This is also evidenced by the black skid marks left on the firing line. Doing this will also eventually make flat spots on the wheel. So PLEASE unlock the wheels first and then simply roll the table back and steer it to wherever you want/need it. Don't drag it with the rear wheel brake/lock engaged! Thank you.

With the castors installed, the height of the benchtop has been raised by about an inch. Some of us short-waisted shooters will find that the shooting rugs folded and placed on the chair seat will raise you back up to your normal shooting height as will a telephone book. If you have to ask what a telephone book is...are you sure you're old enough to legally handle a firearm?

Shoot Straight and Shoot Safely

Bill Palk

Chair, Eccles Range Committee

Don't Forget! Scores from current and most preceding Service, Vintage, Very Vintage, and Rimfire Sporter Rifle matches can be found on the AAF&G Forum.

(See Upcoming AAF&G Events

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We hope to get May off to a good start, and hopefully with some good weather. We hope to see club members join us on a Friday and/or Saturday to break some clays. Check in at the trap trailer for rates and to sign up for a round or two - it is a lot of fun! A lot of new shooters are reluctant to give it a try due to concerns of missing many more clays than hitting, but not to worry - we all went through the same thing when we began shooting trap. The folks that shoot week after week are always willing to get you on track.

We have begun to try something new that Bob Yurwitz came up with, which is rather fun. When we load the trap machine, which typically holds enough clays for fifteen shooters, we insert one really neat exploding clay. If you are the lucky one to hit it you win a free round. Ask at the deck for details.

The only way we can survive and keep trap open is with volunteers. The majority of the volunteers put in their fair share of hours, and some do many more hours of volunteer service than they are required. But there are a few that sign up as volunteers to get the lower trap rate, and hardly ever help with the program. From now on, if you are not going to put in your time please let us know, and we will re-stamp your 10 round card and charge the difference between volunteer and member rate for the remainder of the un-

punched rounds left on the card. If you don't want to declare as a non-volunteer, we will be forced to confront you, and we as volunteers really don't want to have to do that, but fair is fair.

Anyone that is owed a free round will be issued a free round card, which you can use whenever you please. Tokens, which were used in the past mainly for skeet machines, are no longer accepted for a free round.

During the ammo shortage a lot of folks were forced to buy #7.5 shot shells, and you can use them for a limited time, but in the future buy #8 shot only for the trap range, with as low of a shot charge, and total shot weight as you can tolerate. And, of course, no 12ga 3" loads. I believe a good load would be 2-3/4" length, 1oz of #8 shot, and 2-3/4 dram. Dram is the velocity, and the higher the velocity the more damage to the shot curtain.

Please note that in the future if we don't have enough volunteers registered to work on a shooting day, we will not open the range. We will try to post this in advance, but in the rare case you come to the range and the door is locked at 10:00am, that will designate that the range is closed.

Thanks, and have a fun safe trap season,

Warren Isaac
wgisaac@me.com



Rimfire Action

Well, we finally had weather that actually allowed us to have our monthly Rimfire Action match during the same month in which it was scheduled. We had 20 shooters on a nice, late March day. I guess "George" aka "Quick Draw the Snowman" worked his magic and winter disappeared along with him.

Our March 29th match was the first match in which we used our revised scoring system of rank points instead of overall time. This mixed up the results a little from what they normally would have been but this is a much more equitable way to score the match given the substantial difference between the shooting times of the Rimfire Challenge portion versus the 2-Gun portion of the match.

Match winner for March was **Jim Price** with a total of 27 points, second was **Keith Richardson** with 28 points and **Bob Yurwitz** was third with 36 points. Nobody shot a

clean match. We did have a tie for 4th place which is much more likely to happen using rank points instead of overall time since shooting is timed to the hundredth of a second. Full match results were sent out to the Rimfire Action gmail group.

Upcoming matches are scheduled for May 31 (5th Sunday), June 28, and July 26. Results from the April 26 match will be sent out to the gmail group. Please note that we have changed the match time from 11:00 to 10:00. Set-up starts around 9:00, registration at 9:30, the safety briefing is at 9:45, and the match begins at 10:00. Additional information regarding Rimfire Action Shoots can be found on the AAF&G website, or by inquiring at aafg.ras@gmail.com.

SHOOT SAFE...HAVE FUN

Guy Bellanca



Bullseye Pistol



"A full line and good shooting – a great day!"

What a great first-ever **Civilian EIC Tournament** (CMP) at Anne Arundel Fish and Game! We had a nice attendance with 28 individual competitors, and able line officers that allowed the matches to run smoothly. There were 26 competitors for the inaugural East Coast .22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Match, providing three leg distinguished point awards, and 16 competitors for the Service Pistol EIC Match allowing two legs.

The first-ever East Coast .22 Rimfire Pistol legs went to **Ed Hall**, 284-6; **Kent Le**, 283-10; and **Tom Willats**, 280-8. The Service Pistol EIC Match, run under the new CMP rules, was won by **Rich Kang** with a smoking 291-15. Rich stated that the new rules allowing metal-jacketed hollow points now makes the 1911 more accurate than the Beretta M92. His scores are evidence! The two legs for the Service Pistol EIC Match were won by AAF&G's own **Mike McGrath**, 253-3, and **Steve Peters**, 253-0. Steve's six points gives him 30 points total, qualifying him for the coveted Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. Mike needs one more leg and he will be joining Steve.

Next up on May 16th is an NRA 2700, followed by another set of CMP .22 Pistol and Service Pistol EIC. Come on out!

Paul Striffler

2015 Bullseye Schedule

It will be a busy year!

Here are the planned NRA and CMP matches:

- May 16: NRA 2700, CMP .22 and SP EIC
- June 6: NRA Service Pistol Regional Championship, CMP .22 and SP EIC, NRA DR
- June 20: NRA 2700, CMP .22 and SP EIC
- Aug 15: NRA Revolver Regional Championship, NRA DR, .22 EIC
- Sept 12: NRA 1800, CMP .22 and SP EIC
- Oct 10: NRA 2700/IronMan, CMP .22 and SP EIC
- Nov 7: NRA 1800, CMP .22 and SP EIC Army "L" Tournaments

Last Saturday of each month:
1800 (.22 and centerfire) (9 AM)

And here is the league schedule:

Tuesdays: Training (10 AM)

Thursdays: 1800 (.22 and centerfire)(12PM)

Saturdays: 1800 or Training/practice (when no NRA, CMP or Army L matches scheduled) (9 AM)



FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

"Among the many misdeeds of the British rule in India, history will look upon the act of depriving a whole nation of arms, as the blackest."

- Mahatma Gandhi

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

New Applicant(s) Posting

The following individuals have applied for membership in AAF&G. The names below are posted in the clubhouse for 30 days beginning April 19, 2015.

Robert H. COOPER, Hanover
Sponsored by Rick Hardy

Scott WILLARD, Annapolis
Sponsored by Skip Miller

Darryl E. SWIGGETT, New Carrollton
Sponsored by Skip Miller

The name below is posted in the clubhouse for 30 days beginning April 23, 2015.

Jonathan L. CARRION, Grasonville
Sponsored by Martin Gorman

If you have any comments – favorable or unfavorable – regarding these applicants, please advise Bill Palk by email at wpalk@verizon.net.

AAF&G Welcomes Eight New Provisional Member

Eight new provisional member application were proposed to and approved for acceptance as a member by the Board and the General Membership at the April 2015 Board and General Membership meetings. The new provisional members are:

James S. CATRAMBONE

George H. COLLIS

James L. ELLISON II

Dale A. HUBBARD

Adam A. KOCH

Michael G. LAWLER

William THAM

John S. YOUNKIN

If you see them on the range after their initial orientation and safety walkthrough, remember that they'll be looking to you for guidance in following the range safety rules, range protocol, range safety, customs, range safety, ethics, range safety, etc., and since they cannot shoot without the presence of a full member on that range, please help them out if you can. Be a mentor.

Five More Provisional Members Accepted as Full Members

The April 2015 Board and General Membership meetings saw five more provisional members gain full membership.

Robert BECKHAM, Andrew BLISCHAK, John HAAS, Geoffrey HODGDON and Michael PIXLEY

are the most recent provisional members to gain full membership. They completed all the requirements of provisional membership – a minimum of 6 months of participation at AAF&G with demonstrated safe shooting in at least 3 different shooting disciplines — Handgun, Rifle, and Shotgun — attendance and participation in AAF&G Gun School, and the endorsement of 3 full members in good standing. Congratulations **Robert, Andrew, John, Geoff, and Michael!** We hope you have many safe, enjoyable, and successful years shooting with us.

Provisional Members – Gun School

The next scheduled Gun School is set for Sunday, August 9th at noon. Class generally runs until 4:00. If you are a provisional member and wish to register for the Gun School class in August, please send me an e-mail at bambam612@comcast.net. I will send an e-mail confirmation that you are registered for the class. You must be a provisional member to attend, i.e., you must have had your interview, safety walkthrough, and have been issued your provisional membership card.

Also, if you were confirmed to attend Gun School previously, and missed your class for whatever reason, please send me an e-mail as well. I will reserve a space in the next scheduled class, but I still need you to indicate if you plan to attend. I will send you an e-mail confirmation as well. In either case, first time registering or making up a missed class, please do not show up for Gun School unless you receive a registration confirmation from me.

We can accommodate up to 20 people in the Gun School class. If the class fills up, a waiting list will be created. Those on the waiting list will be placed into class on a first come, first served basis if there are cancellations. Therefore, it is very important if you are confirmed to attend the Gun School class on August 9th and cannot attend, that you notify me by e-mail so that I can place someone from the waiting list into the August class. Otherwise, those on the waiting list will be given priority placement in the next Gun School class, scheduled for November (date TBD).

Guy Bellanca



~ May 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 0900 IDPA BUG 1000 Trap	2 RSO Tom Menefee 0900 IDPA BUG 0900 Bullseye League 1000 Service Rifle League 1000 Trap
3 0930 Junior Rifle 1200 Gun School 1215 Junior Rifle	4 1900 Board Meeting	5 1000 Bullseye Training	6	7 1200 Bullseye League	8 1000 Trap	9 RSO Tracy Nolte 0900 Bullseye League 0900 IDPA 1000 Trap
10	11	12 1000 Bullseye Training	13	14 1200 Bullseye League 1900 Dinner 2000 General Meeting	15 1000 Trap	16 Sanctioned Weekend RSO William Pierson 0900 Bullseye 2700 1000 Cowboy Action 1000 Trap 1000 Vintage Rifle
17 Sanctioned Weekend 0900 IDPA 0930 Junior Rifle 1000 Orientation 1215 Junior Rifle	18	19 1000 Bullseye Training	20	21 1200 Bullseye League	22 1000 Trap	23 RSO Tom Byrne 0830 Appleseed 0900 Bullseye League 0900 IDPA 1000 Trap
24 0830 Appleseed	25 Memorial Day  <i>Centerfire Hours: 1000-1300</i>	26 1000 Bullseye Training	27	28 1200 Bullseye League	29 1000 Trap	30 RSO Malcolm Blundell 0830 Appleseed 0900 Bullseye L-Match 0900 USPSA 1000 Trap 1000 Very Vintage Rifle
31 0830 Appleseed 1000 Rimfire Action						