

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

From the President

Hello from Jen and me. LOL (Laugh Out Loud) I figure most of our members who read the SCORE as I do and always read the President’s column are used to seeing this familiar start to the column. I wish I could say I am writing this column from sunny Florida as my predecessor had frequently done in months past. However like most of our members I am writing this column from chilly Annapolis. By the time you read this the holidays will be over. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season!

As I look forward to the New Year and the beginning of my newly acquired position I would first like to thank Dave Cloutier for all of the heavy lifting that has been done in seeing the club through some of the most difficult times the club has seen since I have been a member. We all owe Dave a great deal of thanks for all of the progress the club has experienced in the past three years! As the club moves forward into 2012 we have a good start to the year ahead. Trap is up and running as smooth as ever. We all owe the Property Stewardship committee a huge debt of gratitude for completing this monumental task! Please remember that it is the volunteers that make this possible. So if you

President, continued on Page 12.

APPLESEED, RIFLEMAN,
 AND THE ” OLD LINE” STATE:
 BET YOU DIDN’T KNOW

During the Battle of Long Island, in Aug 1776, Maryland & Delaware rifleman, outnumbered many times over, “held the line” against THOUSANDS of professional Hessian mercenaries, and ostensibly, saved the Continental Army from certain defeat. Around 1,600 of these men fought the 4 thousand Hessians to the death...at times in desperate hand-to-hand fighting. Troops who were wounded or surrendered were promptly bayoneted by the Hessians. Shortly thereafter, the rear guard of Washington’s Army, again 400 Marylanders, fought the British forces, outnumbered 10 to 1, to buy Washington time to escape. Of those 400, 256 were KIA and another 100 were captured or wounded. “Good God, what brave fellows I must this day lose,” Washington remarked to Israel Putnam as he witnessed the Marylanders repeatedly charge Cortelyou House, effectively holding back the British advance. Later, Washington described their efforts as an “hour more precious to American liberty than any other.”²



Want to hear MORE Rifleman history you didn’t know, about the men who risked and gave everything for YOU to be free? Get yourself to an Appleseed...heck, YOU might even become a Rifleman in the process!

Loaner gear is available so no excuses, if you let me know in advance. Jan 21-22, Feb 18-19, Mar 17-18, Apr 14-15 Sign up at www.appleseedinfo.org and do it TODAY!

Brian Swift
 Appleseed Shoot Boss, Maryland

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If Anne Arundel Community College dismisses early or cancels evening classes because of the weather, AAF&G does the same. The Board Meeting or the General Meeting is postponed until the next evening. Committee meetings, classes and other events follow the same general guideline. We’ll try to send out a mass email with further re-scheduling information if the situation requires it.

OFFICERS

President	Steve Love
Vice-President	Debbie Gay
Secretary	Jennifer Martin
Treasurer	Jason Krywicki

DIRECTORS

Chairperson: TBD	
Tom Byrne (1)	Joe Medell (1)
Jack Walsh (1)	Brad Quintal (1)
Meg Clarke (2)	Dermott Hickey (2)
Steve Peters (2)	Bob Yurwitz (2)
Brian Swift (3)	Mike McGrath (3)
Ray Allen, Sr. (3)	Steve Allen (3)

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YEAR IN A SNAPSHOT

Board of Directors' Meeting – first Monday of the month, 7:00 pm (following Tuesday if Monday is Federal Holiday)

General Meeting/Membership: second Thursday of the month; **Dinner @ 7pm** by Kitchen Committee – Pot Luck Dinner in March, June, September & December; Meeting starts at 8:00 pm

Annual Meeting (Election of Directors & Officers)

Holiday Dinner: December Meeting

New Member Walk Thrus: Saturday, Jan. 21 @ 9am; Sunday, Feb. 19 @ 10am; Saturday, Mar. 17 @ 9am; and, Sunday, Apr. 22 @ 10am

ORGANIZED MATCHES & EVENTS

AR-15 Service Rifle League: 1st Saturday

Army "L" Target Pistol Match: last Saturday 9:00 am

Bullseye Pistol Leagues: Thursday 12:00 pm and Saturday 9 am

Cowboy Action: 3rd Saturdays

Hunter Safety Classes: TBA

IDPA Action Pistol: 1st Friday & 2nd & 4th Saturdays

NRA Junior Rifle Program: Sunday 1 pm

NRA 2700 Bullseye Pistol Match: TBA

NRA 1800 Bullseye Pistol Match: TBA

Public Sight-In Day(s): TBA

Shotgun: Trap – Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am

Single Shot Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Match: 5th Saturdays

Vintage Military Rifle Match: 2nd Saturdays

EDUCATION & TRAINING

AAF&G Bullseye Pistol Range Training – Tuesday 10 am

Appleseed Project: 2nd Weekend

Maryland Shooter Qualifications: TBA

NRA Basic Pistol: TBA

NRA Personal Protection in the Home: TBA

NRA Range Safety Officer Course: January 15th

NRA Home Firearm Safety Course: TBA

Please check the club web site at www.aafg.org for additional details of class times, costs, etc.

SANCTIONED WEEKENDS

TBA

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pros/Cons & Consequences of Using Deadly Force; Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2012

The Annual/Holiday Meeting on Dec 8th was the forum for the election of the officers and directors for 2012. As a prelude to the election, at the June 2011 members' meeting a Nominating Committee was elected and charged with soliciting potential candidates and, after a review and study of those biographies, putting forth a slate of candidates for the officer and vacant director positions. The Nominating Committee consisted of the Bill Palk, John Michelli, and Jim Gay. There would be 5 vacant Director positions due to the normal expiration of terms for four directors and an unexpired term for Jim Tisack who was unable to finish his term of office.

The Nominating Committee announced the proposed slate at the September 09 meeting. The slate was as follows:

For President	Steve Love
For Vice President	Debbie Gay
For Secretary	Jennifer Martin
For Treasurer	Jason Krywicki
For Director	Ray Allen, Sr
	Steve Allen
	Mike McGrath
	Brad Quintal
	Brian Swift



The chairman of the Nominating Committee then called for any additional nominations from the floor. James Gay was nominated from the floor.

At the Annual/Holiday meeting there were over 80 members in attendance, so immediately prior to the election a final call for nominations from the floor was issued by the chairman of the Nominating Committee. And there were none. The Officer positions were uncontested so the officers shown above were elected. The results of the election for Directors is as follows:

Brian Swift	75	(3 yr term)
Mike McGrath	67	(3 yr term)
Ray Allen, Sr.	61	(3 yr term)
Steve Allen	61	(3 yr term)
Brad Quintal	59	(1 yr term)
Jim Gay	37	

There being five vacancies for the position of Director, the candidates with the four highest vote counts would fill the three-year vacancies and the fifth candidate would fill the unexpired term (1 yr remaining) of Jim Tisack.

Congratulations to them all, and since none of them are new to AAF&G, we anticipate that they will continue to work hard to bring to fruition many of the initiatives now underway.

Nominating Committee

FINAL CALL FOR 2011 RSO COURSE SET FOR JANUARY

The NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) Course is set for Sunday, January 15, 2012 at the club house instead of in December as in the past. We have enough participants signed up so the course will take place but more makes it better.

Class times are from 8 am to 6 pm with lunch on your own. All materials are provided. The cost is \$90 for AAF&G members and \$120 for non-members. A minimum class size of 8 is required. Bring a blank check to forward to the NRA for your credentials. Cost is determined by NRA membership and other credentials held.

If you're a safe and competent gun handler, take the course so you can help out around the club. The NRA RSO course is the first step to becoming an AAF&G RSO.

The next RSO Course will be scheduled for the end of 2012.

Register by email at marston.clarke@verizon.net.

Look for RSOs
on duty
on Saturdays!



JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

The Junior Rifle Program starts at 1:30 - 3:30 pm, every Sunday. The first Junior Rifle Orientation Class for the New Year hasn't been determined yet. If you plan to attend the Orientation Class (or just want more information about the program), please email me at andrea@chesmill.com.

OVERVIEW OF THE JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB

The Junior Rifle Club is sponsored and conducted by the Anne Arundel Fish & Game Association. This club is a National Rifle Association Club. Firing is conducted under the rules of the NRA and the Army's Director of Civilian Marksmanship (CMP). The club leaders are NRA Certified Instructors/Coaches and enforce all proper precautions and range rules. Our purpose is to train young people to handle firearms safely and to become proficient in rifle marksmanship. The shooting season is year round and will be held if the temperature is at least 40 degrees and not storming at noon. The Jr. Rifle Program shooters practice from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. They work with the NRA Qualifications Program, which teaches them the four shooting positions and earn medals ranging from Pro-Marksman to Distinguished Expert. All required equipment (rifles, slings, ammo, shooting glasses and hearing protection) are supplied by the Jr. Rifle Program.

All potential shooters must take the Jr. Orientation Class offered the first Sunday between April and October. The cost to join is \$5.00 and then each Sunday that you shoot, the cost is \$5.00. This covers ammo and targets. Joining the Junior Rifle Program entitles you to shoot on Sunday on the smallbore range. Parents do not have to be members of AAF&G for the kids to shoot with the program but are encouraged to join if they're interested in shooting. The age limit is 11 to 18 and is open to both boys and girls.

If you're selected for the Advanced Team, they practice from 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Sundays with Andrea Miller, Brad Kurtis, Randy Moy and Jeff Cowger. The Advance Team travels to various matches throughout the year in VA, MD, PA, and OH.

Good Luck to AAF&G team members (Zack Anna, Courtney Cowger, Aaron Satzberg and James Marsh) at the upcoming USA Maryland Junior Olympic competition to be held at the USNA on January 7, 2012.

Have Fun Shooting & Remember Youth are our Future!

Andrea Miller
Chairman Jr. Rifle Program



(Christmas Gathering for Junior Rifle: L to R Leo Brown, Courtney Cowger, Chloe Manuncia, Michael Hufker, Aidan Griffin, Bryce Wygal, Ty Sisk, Michael Lawson, Zack Anna and Aaron Satzberg.)

WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

www.shotgunnews.com

www.allentownshow.net

www.appalachianpromotions.com

www.blueridgeknives.net

www.galleryofguns.com

www.cheaperthandirt.com

www.gunbroker.com

LAST CALL FOR...

The PROS, the CONS and the CONSEQUENCES of USING DEADLY FORCE in PERSONAL PROTECTION in YOUR HOME in MARYLAND

Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7 pm
Anne Arundel Fish & Game Club House
Members, Spouses and Guests

Presented by the Legislative and Conservation
Committee and the Education and Training
Committee using the NRA GUIDE to the BASICS of
PERSONAL PROTECTION in the HOME.

Law Enforcement and Legal Information about the following topics:

Making You and Your Home Safer;
Responding to a Possible Break-in;
Confronting an Intruder or Attacker;
If You Must Shoot;

The Aftermath of a Defensive Shooting;
Firearms, Self-Defense and the Law;
The Legal Aftermath of a Shooting

Join us for dessert and this interactive presentation.
RSVP to marston.clarke@verizon.net

We have the necessary members and guests
signed up so our speakers feel appreciated,
but more are always welcome.

AND THE WINNER IS...

The long gun raffle at the Annual Meeting
was a great success. Although it didn't
look like a whole lot of tickets in the bowl,
the generosity of the members participating in
the raffle raised \$790 for the club (at \$20 per
ticket) and a good home for that Weatherby
bolt action rifle in .270.

Long term member, bullseye shooter and
former legislative chair **Will Graves** had the
winning ticket. Congratulations, Will!

RENEW NOW!!! Please

January is your only chance this year to get your dues
paid on time. The deadline, as described in the by-laws,
is January 31st.

The form and the directions were laid out in the
December *SCORE* and again published this month on the
next page.

Make the jobs of the Board of Directors and the
Officers easier by paying your dues and capital assessment
on time. They can't produce a budget or plan for the
future without your cooperation and support.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at
443-904-5023.

Meg Clarke

PLINKING RANGE REPORT

Plinking range shooters; Nancy and I wish you all
the best for 2012.

Shoot safely and shoot often.

John Michelli

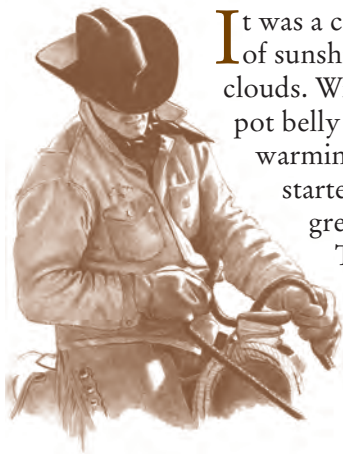
THREE (3) MORE PROVISIONAL MEMBERS ACCEPTED AS FULL MEMBERS

The December meetings saw three (3) more
provisional members gain full membership.
Charley Beck, Mary Milan and Tracy Nolte are
the most recent provisional members to gain full
membership.

All of them 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 venues, attendance
and participation in AAF&G Gun School and the
endorsement of 3 members in good standing. Their
sponsors did a great job in mentoring them through
the membership process!

Congratulations Charley, Mary and Tracy! We
hope you have many safe and successful years
shooting with us.

COWBOY ACTION



It was a cold day with the promise of sunshine showing through the clouds. Wicklow Wrangler had the pot belly going with a pot of cider warming up on top. Wranglers started arriving with warm greetings for each other.

The camaraderie was overwhelming.

Our Safety brief started at 9:45 followed by a few administrative remarks and a pledge and prayer.

Shooters were assigned their respective posses and the shooting began.

When the smoke cleared the bragging and excuses began. Some retired to our favorite watering hole for some warmth, grits and libation.

Top shooter of the day was **Chilliwack Buck 152.80** followed closely by **Durango Dude 161.52** and **Wicklow Wrangler 174.17**

I was informed during the shoot that Cuss 'N Kate really earned her name! Way to go Kate.

Next shoot will be Saturday, January 21, 2012.

Our annual End-of-year-roundup is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th, 2012.

I wish all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

JD

EARLY 2012 ORIENTATION & SAFETY WALK-THRUS

ALLOW 6 Hours - Tentative Schedule

January 2012

Saturday, January 21 at 9 am

February

Sunday, February 19 at 10 am

March

Saturday, March 17 at 9 am

April

Sunday, April 22 at 10 am

Time Rank	Shooter Alias	Total Time
1	Chilliwack Buck	152.80
2	DURANGO DUDE	161.52
3	WICKLOW WRANGLER	174.17
4	BOTTOMS UP BRUCE	177.28
5	Chris Carson	189.87
6	Roustabout	197.7
7	RIVERBOAT BOB	202.78
8	QUICK DRAW EL CID	205.25
9	Eagle Eyes McCoy	211.78
10	HANK DOGBERRY	224.77
11	HIGHLAND RANGER	242.17
12	CUSS N' KATE	246.23
13	Alabama Bbop	248.34
14	M.T. DeBanks	251.53
15	J D Cane	260.78
16	GARY THE GAMBLER	300.08
17	HODGEPODGE	304.67
18	PC County Rider	310.67
19	Danger Don	319.13
20	Denver Deb	344.5
21	Mad Eye Rick	379.01
22	Lil Miss Sure Shot	501.2
23	LT. ROMAINE	1150.13

“Quotes to Note”

“If you carry a gun, people will call you paranoid. That’s ridiculous. If you have a gun, what do you have to be paranoid for?”

“You can say ‘stop’ or ‘alto’ or use any other word you think will work, but I’ve found that a large bore muzzle pointed at someone’s head is pretty much the universal language.”

Submitted by Club Members



As posted last month, trap field 2 is once again open to make clay dust, and so far it has been a big success.

We opened on November 26, 2011 with the first deadeye shooters being the members of the property stewardship committee, with David Cloutier being the first shooter. Following the members of the property stewardship committee, the trap field was open to free rounds to club members. The machine did break down at the end of the day, but opening day was a real success. Since opening day we have had two successful Friday & Saturday shoots, with lots of broken clays and plenty of fun.

I would like to thank all the folks who have so generously volunteered their time to help out with the operations. Trap does take manpower to run through a day of shooting and after hours, but it is very rewarding and lots of fun. There are some that have given much of their time in an effort to keep things running, they know who they are, and they are very much appreciated. With that said we need many more volunteers so we don't burn out the regulars. So please come out to shoot with us on Fridays and Saturdays and sign up to be a volunteer. To get on the volunteer list contact Jay Honeywell at jayhoneywell@yahoo.com. Once on the volunteers list, you shoot at a reduced rate.

In early spring we will be holding a shotgun clinic for all interested members and their families. More will be posted on the clinic in the near future. Additionally we will be holding some friendly club competition of various types, so anyone with ideas please talk to me or let me know by email. As long as it is SAFE, competitive, and fun put it on the table.

Happy New Year,

Warren Isaac
wisaac@atlanticbb.net
cell 410-340-5363



Joe and Warren talking strategy.



Our first group of Property Stewardship Committee shooters.



Members waiting their turn to shoot.



John Hollingshead giving it a try.



Dave Cloutier after dusting a clay.

**Looking for some AAF&G Gear?
Go to the AAF&G website at
www.aafg.org
and click on the GEAR tab!
You will find hats / jackets / shirts
and a lot more...**



Meg and Barb watching the fun!

AAF&G 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Each MEMBER (Regular, Life, Family, Provisional, Student) must complete and submit this form with his/her dues and capital assessment.

Membership Dues for 2012 are due by January 31st. Annual Dues for Regular and Provisional Members are \$200, for Family Members \$50, for Student Members \$100. Dues are not required from Life Members but a completed form and Capital Assessment are required.

The Capital Assessment is \$50 for each member except Family Members. All members in arrears of their dues as of February 1, 2012 will be dropped from membership and their proximity card access will be disabled until their membership status is resolved as required under the then current by laws.

Members who joined AFTER AUGUST 1999 must maintain a current NRA membership and include a copy of their current NRA card or magazine cover as proof with their dues and form BEFORE receiving a 2012 membership card.

Please forward payment as soon as possible. Dues and the completed form(s) may be mailed to the Membership Chairmen, Anne Arundel Fish & Game, P.O. Box 150, Arnold, MD 21012. Do NOT leave dues and/or forms in the club house. If your dues have already been paid you must still complete this form each year. The information is essential to maintaining accurate club records. Additional copies are available from the Membership Chairman.

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLEARLY

Check Current Type AAF&G Membership: Regular ___ Family ___ Student ___ Life ___ Provisional ___

Name: (Last) __ (First) __ (MI) __

Address: (Street) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail: (please print legibly) _____

Date of Birth _____ NRA Member # _____ Type NRA Membership _____

NEW or CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR: Trade or Profession _____

Hobbies _____ Shooting Interests _____

NRA &/or Firearms Credentials _____

DECLARATION: I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that I am at least 18 years of age or older, that I have never been convicted in any court of the United States, any state or possession, or the District of Columbia, for the commission of a felony or any other crime of violence; that I am not a fugitive from justice, a drug addict, an alcoholic, or a mental incompetent; and that I am not prohibited from legally acquiring, owning, or using a firearm for sporting purposes under federal, state or local laws. **FALSE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.** I have read and understood the Facility/Range Use and Safety Rules of Anne Arundel Fish & Game. I am aware that any violation of these rules or other abuse of the Club's facilities can result in the loss of my membership.

I hereby declare that I heartily and without reservation subscribe to all of the objectives of Anne Arundel Fish & Game as stated in the By Laws.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. OBJECTIVES

The purposes and objectives of this Association shall be:

- (a) To promote and project a positive image of private individual firearms ownership through the safe and responsible conduct of shooting on all ranges and through programs, courses, leagues, tournaments, and other activities, sanctioned and/or sponsored by this Association that would promote and project such a positive image.**
- (b) The conservation of the natural resources of our Nation.**
- (c) The sponsoring and support of legislation which furthers the purposes and objectives of this organization and opposing that which is adverse to those purposes and objectives.**
- (d) To promote the impartial enforcement of game laws.**
- (e) To encourage means to preserve or increase the supply of game fish by stocking, elimination of pollution and the application of modern, scientifically tested methods to the improvement of woods, land, and water areas of the state.**
- (f) To engage in all types of social activities having any connection whatsoever with the maintenance and operation of the Association or which will financially or otherwise further these objectives.**
- (g) To promote and encourage friendly relations between land owners, farmers, and sportsmen.**
- (h) To encourage and influence, by personal conduct and joint effort, a public regard for game and fish protection and conservation.**
- (i) To make contracts, buy, sell, and own property, and do everything necessary to carry on or accomplish the foregoing purposes.**

Membership Renewal for 2012

Please complete the 2012 Membership Renewal form and send it with your dues and capital assessment to AAF&G, PO Box 150, Arnold MD 21012.

Highlights of the process are as follows:

- EVERY MEMBER completes and signs a form.
- Dues are \$200 for Regular and Provisional Members, \$50 for Family Members and \$100 for Student Members.
- EVERY MEMBER (except a Family Member) pays the Capital Assessment of \$50.
- Life Members complete a form and pay the Capital Assessment.
- Dues are due by January 31st. If your dues are not received by the 31st you will be dropped from the membership for non-payment and will have to go through the current new member process - including finding a sponsor, appearing before the I&I Committee, approval by the Board of Directors and the General Membership, attending the Orientation and Safety Walk-thru, demonstrating gun safety in 3 separate discipline activities, attending AAF&G "Gun School" and then petitioning the Board for acceptance as Regular Members after the minimum 6 month provisional period.
- Proximity cards for non-renewing members will be disabled on February 1st.
- Student Members (full time students, less than 25 years old) must submit a copy of their schedule with their forms and money.
- Members who joined after August 1999 are required to maintain a current NRA membership and include a copy of their current NRA card or copy of their magazine cover with their dues before receiving a new membership card.
- The Capital Assessment is used to pay for the environmental enhancements necessary to maintain our shooting activities. Currently, the bulk of our efforts are going to restore full shotgun activities.
- Additional forms are available at Board and General Membership meetings.

Meg Clarke, 443-904-5023, marston.clarke@verizon.net

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

**Deadline for article submission
for the February SCORE is Jan. 23.**

**Send in your photos, comments,
letters to the Editor, cartoons to share, etc.
to David Hickey at
ddkthickey@verizon.net
See you on the Range!**

NEW APPLICANT(S) POSTING

The following individual(s) have applied for membership in AAF&G. If you have any comments, favorable or unfavorable, regarding any of these applicants, please advise Meg Clarke by phone (443-904-5023) or by email marston.clarke@verizon.net.

Guido R. Medina, Annapolis, MD 21409
Sponsored by Buster Rankin

William R. Museler, Annapolis, MD 21403
Sponsored by Thomas L. Milan

Tomas A. Pena, Annapolis, MD 21409
Sponsored by Bill Osborne

The name(s) were posted in the clubhouse on December 22, 2011 and will remain posted for a minimum of 30 days.



BULLSEYE PISTOL REPORT

The outdoor bullseye pistol league still continues through the dark, cold days of winter.

The winter shooting enclosure has been put in place on the left side of the range. This wall cuts down on wind and gives an area where heat is somewhat retained. Two propane radiant heaters and a large kerosene blower provide the heat. Not like being indoors, however with adequate winter clothing the area can be quite comfortable. Range controls for the turning targets and PA system are also located in the enclosure, which allows the league on Thursday and Saturday to be run from the enclosure. If the weather gets really nasty the Chief Range Officer (CRO) for the day's league will send out an email canceling the league. If you want to get on the email list for the league all you have to do is shoot the league and give the CRO your email address.

Other AAF&G BE pistol committee preparations going on this time of the year are for the annual committee planning meeting, and the ShrimpFest annual awards luncheon. These events are usually held in January and February respectively. The committee planning meeting is an opportunity for all AAF&G shooters who are interested in conventional NRA bullseye pistol shooting to get involved with the program, and get their ideas and recommendations considered by the committee. Once the annual plan is put together we are ready to make it happen! The ShrimpFest is for all shooters that in some way have been involved with supporting the AAF&G BE pistol program. It is a chance for league and tournament shooters, tournament workers, work party attendees, and other program helpers to review the previous year's activities and recognize the accomplishments of the competitive shooters involved. The event is held in the clubhouse on a Saturday, and ShrimpMeister Rick Weidmann does a fabulous job!

The 2011 Maryland IronMan Championship, held October 8 and 9, kind of fizzled out this year! This is the fourth year it has been conducted with the 12th Precinct Pistol club, and each year attendance has become less and less. I guess the idea of shooting a full NRA 2700 tournament two days in a row is just too much for our present shooters! In any case, we had four shooters that fired the complete 5400. In order to win awards there has to be at least two competitors in the Championship for there to be a top IronMan, and two shooters in a classification to be a class winner. The results, including X count, were as follows:

	AAF&G Result	12th Precinct	Total
IronMan Champion			
Matt Bartel	2597-105	2559-71	5156-176
Master Class			
Rob Case	2551-81	2576-78	5127-159
Expert Class			
Mike Butterfield (1st EXP)			
	2499-57	2486-67	4985-124
Erick Graves	2332-39	2295-34	4627-73

Congratulations to recently promoted **CDR Matt Bartel, USN** for a weekend of fine shooting. On Saturday he bested 15 other competitors at AAF&G to win the tournament, and on Sunday he won the Expert class at the 12th Precinct.

The **October Army "L" Target 1800 Tournament** scheduled for the 29th was cancelled due to poor weather. However the November tournament went off without a hitch on the 26th with 11 competitors. Seven fired in the .22 aggregate, and four fired in the Center Fire aggregate, including one .22 shooter. The scores of the top shooters and their X count were as follows:

.22 Aggregate:	
Erick Graves	895-69
Mike McGrath	894-72
Cal Calcaterra	868-43
CF Aggregate:	
Mike McGrath	880-58
Steve Yelton	871-44 (.22)

Welcome to **John Franzese** and **Paul Lahaye**, who fired in their first AAF&G Army "L" Target Tournament.

Paul Striffler
 pjstriff@cablespeed.com

HIGH POWER RIFLE SHOOTING MATCHES (ECCLES RANGE)

Club Matches

Really Vintage Rifle Match - Nov 26, postponed from Oct 29th. This match was the initial resurrection match for Single Shot Rifles firing cartridges originally loaded with black powder. It was gratifying to see 6 shooters on the line making their version of black powder smoke. You'll note that some of the scores are shown as DNR...Did Not Record the score. The majority of these were sight problems or ammunition issues. Remember, since we haven't had these matches for a couple of years closet creep crept into some of the sights and shooters just got rusty. Hopefully these scores will improve at the next match on Dec 31st. Of course there's always someone who didn't get rusty in the intervening time...high scorer for the day was Roy H. with a blazing 100/6X. Swears he hadn't practiced for the match, either! Remember, so as not to take up too much of our limited Saturday casual shooting time, we've begun holding these matches only on the 5th Saturday of the month.

RELAY 1

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	'74 Sharps	97/4X	Joe R.	Win '85	82/1X
Roy H.	'74 Sharps	97/1X	Mike K.	Win '85	86/1X
Eric S.	Trapdoor	89/3X	Steve B.	Trapdoor	41

RELAY 2

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	'74 Sharps	95/1X	Joe R.	Win '85	88/3X
Roy H.	'74 Sharps	100/6X	Mike K.	Win '85	82
Eric S.	Trapdoor	DNR	Steve B.	Trapdoor	63

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can find the time to help out on the trap fields even once a year, it would be a big help to the club and to members who help on a weekly basis. Maybe they could relax and enjoy a day of just shooting trap.

Another area that requires members to volunteer is the position of the Saturday Range Safety Officer. This requires that you be an AAF&G range safety officer and a minimum of one Saturday a year from 10am to 1pm. Even though we have well over fifty certified AAF&G safety officers we still find ourselves having problems filling this most important position. It has taken a few of our members stepping up and taking on this responsibility two and three times during the year to fill the calendar. Saturday's are typically our busiest day on all ranges. This makes it extremely important to have a range safety officer on duty to patrol the ranges making sure shooters are following the range rules that keep all shooters safe while participating in the shooting disciplines we offer. Please contact Dermott Hickey to sign up for your Saturday. You can find Dermott's contact information in each issue of the *SCORE*. One of the rules that must be followed is **there is no handling of any firearms while there is anyone down range!** All actions should be in the open position. This includes slides and bolts locked back on semi-auto firearms, cylinders open on revolvers and bolts back on bolt action firearms. **This is just one of the many rules that must be followed at**

all times. No exceptions! If you are not familiar with any of the range rules they are given to all new members and renewing members every year along with your new membership card. They can also be found on the www.AAFG.org website. Please read them!

One last item I would like to touch on is membership renewal. As the song goes, just like Christmas, "it comes this time each year". PLEASE remember that all renewals are due no later than February 1, 2012. This includes the \$50 assessment. Any membership renewal received after the February 1st date will require the member to go through the new membership process as you will be considered a new member as opposed to a renewing member. Please realize that AAF&G operates off the membership fees received. It is very important at this time that all members understand that these funds are needed to support a number of projects that will need to be accomplished in the coming year.

I look forward to seeing more members attending the monthly meetings (*Second Thursday of the month*) and on the ranges. Attending the monthly meeting is the best way to find out what is happening around the club and where you can volunteer to help your club move forward in the coming years.

Thank you,
Steve Love

RELAY 3

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	'74 Sharps	98/2X	Joe R.	Win '85	96/3X
Roy H.	'74 Sharps	99/1X	Mike K.	Win '85	85
Steve B.	Trapdoor	DNR			

RELAY 4

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	'74 Sharps	86/1X	Mike K.	Win '85	94/3X
Joe R.	Win '85	94/2X	Steve B.	Trapdoor	---

RELAY 5

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	'74 Sharps	93/2X	David H.	'74 Sharps	82
Dermott H.	'74 Sharps	DNR	Steve B.	'74 Sharps	DNR

RELAY 6

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	'74 Sharps	97/2X	Dermott H.	'74 Sharps	DNR
David H.	'74 Sharps	88	Steve B.	Trapdoor	DNR

AR15 Service Rifle – Dec 3rd. We had nine competitors including 4 nonmembers (three of whom have applied for and been interviewed for membership) for the December AR15 match. As can be seen in the tally below, scores were pretty good in many cases. It's evident that John K. has way too much time on his hands and has been practicing a lot. Colin W. was high scorer for the prone slowfire relay and Andy M. was high scorer for the prone rapidfire and offhand slowfire relays.

Name	Prone Slow	Prone Rapid	Offhand	Total Score
Hank B.	84	82	56	222
Brad P.	76	76	69	221
Andy M.	78/3X(97/1X)	96(96)	90(70)	264/3X (263/1X)
Charley B.	92 (91)	83 (90)	72 (55)	247 (236)
Colin W.	97/2X	91	85	273/2X
Steve B.	95/1X	82	69	246/1X
Mike K.	84	88/1X	73	235/1X
John K.	95	93	78	266
Tomas P.	86	79	81	246

Vintage Rifle –Dec 10th. For the December Vintage Rifle match there were 15 shooters and 7 relays. Of the 14 shooters, 9 were members and 6 were non-members. This was the last scheduled bench type Vintage Rifle match. Remember, beginning with the January 2012 match the Vintage Rifle matches will be conducted just as the AR15 matches are, i.e. position shooting in the prone and offhand positions. Go to the AAFG website (<http://www.aafg.org/events.html#highpower>) for more info regarding the conduct of the match and the course of fire. Also note that beginning in January the rifle type will alternate between manual bolt action and semiauto rifles, beginning with the **manual bolt rifles only** in January, **semiauto rifles only** in February, etc. If you bring a semiauto to the January match you may not get to shoot it if we have a full line of manual bolt rifles. Besides, you would be at a slight disadvantage. Why? Read on.

RELAY 1

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	M1903A3	96/1X	Steve A.	M1903	97/2X
Doyle K.	Mauser 24-47	89	Andrew B.	M96 Swede	88
Eric S.	Krag Carbine	96/1X	Steve B.	MN 91/30	89/1X

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RELAY 2

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Patrick M.	M1 Carbine	DNR	Jason S.	SKS	50
Joe R.	M1A	93/2X	Roy H.	M1903A1	98/2X
John K.	M1917	98/2X	Steve B.	MN 91-30	96/15

RELAY 3

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	M1903A3	93/1X	Mike T.	M1A	88
Jesse C.	M1903A3	71	Mark M.	M1 Carbine	79
Eric S.	Krag Carbine	93	Josh T.	MN 91-30	DNR

RELAY 4

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Patrick M.	M1 Carbine	79	Steve A.	M1903	97/2X
Joe R.	M1A	93/1X	Andrew B.	M96/38	81
Josh T.	MN 91-30	DNR	Steve B.	MN 91-30	90/1X

RELAY 5

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	M1903A3	95	Roy H.	M1903A1	97/1X
Doyle K.	Mauser 24-47	73	Jesse C.	M1903A3	DNR
Eric S.	Krag Carbine	95	John K.	M1917	97/3X

RELAY 6

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	M1903A3	93/1X	Mike T.	M1A	94/1X
Joe R.	M1A	99/4X	Andrew B.	---	94
Steve A.	M1903	94/2X	Steve B.	MN 91-30	91/1X

RELAY 7

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	M1903A3	97/2X	Jason S.	M1A	90
Doyle K.	M1 Carbine	75	John K.	M1917	99/4X

RELAY 8

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Charley B.	M1903A3	94/2X	Ross S.	Mauser	80/1X
Roy H.	M1903A1	94/1X	Andrew B.	M1	97/2X
Steve B.	MN 91-30	91			

Now, as far as the little contest between manual turnbolt rifles and semiautos such as the Garand/M1A that was mentioned in the past four months of Eccles Range reports, for December at least it appears that now the manual turnbolt in the form of the Springfield Rifle is still riding high, this time when employed by John K. who also shares the high scorer for the match this month with Joe R. Now Joe R. was shooting an M1A...a semi auto, so why do I suggest that manual bolt action rifles are more accurate? Joe's M1A is certainly a fine shooting rifle, especially with its Garand-designed rear sight which is adjustable for elevation and windage. John's M1917, however, has a rear sight that cannot be adjusted for windage and the rear sight aperture is more on the order of a ghost ring than an aperture. Therefore, since John was operating under those handicaps, I maintain that the statistics show the manual bolt rifle is the more inherently accurate rifle. But beginning next month we'll have a chance to test not just the rifles, but the shooters as well.

Here's hoping that you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Shoot Safely and Often,

Bill Palk

Chairman, Eccles Range Committee

Upcoming Gun Shows for 2012

JANUARY 7 & 8, 2012

Silverado • Frederick Fairgrounds
350 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

JANUARY 13, 14, 15, 2012

Appalachian Promotions
Md State Fairgrounds, Timonium
Friday 12pm - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 8pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

FEBRUARY 10, 11 & 12, 2012

Nation's Gun Show • Chantilly, VA
1000 Tables
Friday 3pm - 8 pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 5pm

FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2012

Appalachian Promotions • Annapolis Armory
18 Willow Street, Annapolis
Saturday 9am - 4pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2012

Silverado
Show Place Arena (P.G. County)
400 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2012

Silverado
Howard County Fairgrounds
400 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

FEBRUARY 25 & 26

Appalachian Promotions
York Fairgrounds (Toyota Arena)
York PA
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

MARCH 17 & 18

Mid Atlantic Arms Collectors
Farm Show Complex • Harrisburg, PA
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 4pm

MARCH 31 & APRIL 1, 2012

Appalachian Promotions
Md State Fairgrounds, Timonium
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

APRIL 7 & 8, 2012

Silverado • Frederick Fairgrounds
350 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

APRIL 20, 21 & 22, 2012

Nation's Gun Show • Chantilly, VA
1000 Tables
Friday 3pm - 8 pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 5pm

APRIL 21 & 22, 2012

Appalachian Promotions • Annapolis Armory
18 Willow Street, Annapolis
Saturday 9am - 4pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

JUNE 8, 9 & 10, 2012

Nation's Gun Show • Chantilly, VA
1000 Tables
Friday 3pm - 8 pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 5pm

JUNE 9 & 10

Mid Atlantic Arms Collectors
Farm Show Complex • Harrisburg, PA
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

JUNE 16 & 17

Appalachian Promotions
Md State Fairgrounds, Timonium
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

JUNE 23 & 24

Appalachian Promotions
York Fairgrounds (Toyota Arena)
York PA
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

JULY 7 & 8, 2012

Silverado • Frederick Fairgrounds
350 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

JULY 14 & 15, 2012

Silverado
Show Place Arena (P.G. County)
400 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

JULY 27, 28 & 29, 2012

Nation's Gun Show • Chantilly, VA
1000 Tables
Friday 3pm - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 5pm

SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

Mid Atlantic Arms Collectors
Farm Show Complex • Harrisburg, PA
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 4pm

SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 2012

Silverado • Howard County Fairgrounds
400 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

SEPTEMBER 28, 29 & 30, 2012

Nation's Gun Show • Chantilly, VA
1000 Tables
Friday 3pm - 8 pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 5pm

NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2012

Silverado
Show Place Arena (P.G. County)
400 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

NOVEMBER 10 & 11, 2012

Silverado • Frederick Fairgrounds
350 Tables
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 3pm

NOVEMBER 16, 17 & 18, 2012

Nation's Gun Show • Chantilly, VA
1000 Tables
Friday 3pm - 8 pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 5pm

DECEMBER 8 & 9

Mid Atlantic Arms Collectors
Farm Show Complex • Harrisburg, PA
Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 4pm

Please clip out and post this schedule if you are interested in attending any of these Gun Shows.



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Club Dinner January 11th

Dinner ~ 7 PM

Dinner by

*Mike and Kathy Anderson...
the Kitchen Committee!*

Club Activities

Bullseye Pistol Leagues

Thursday: 12:00 pm; Saturday: 9 am

Use the **Plinking Range** to try out a new gun.
Check the Range Rules for caliber
and target restrictions.

Trap Fridays and Saturdays

At 10 am

Vintage Rifle Match

Second Saturday at 10 am

AR 15 League

First Saturday at 10 am

See page 2 for list of regular activities.