

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

Jen and I extend greetings to each of you as fall beckons and the leaves begin to turn. I am looking forward to some cooler weather, but I'm not thrilled with the prospect of leaves to rake. I'm sure many of you feel the same way. This is the first *SCORE* we have seen in awhile. I'll take responsibility for that. If any of you feel out of the loop, please accept my apologies. We have reorganized a bit in hopes of better utilizing our resources. A good way to stay in touch is to come out to a meeting. Meetings are really the best way to keep up with things. The "rumor mill" and word of mouth have not proven to be effective venues for relating any kind of accurate information. As many of you have discovered, I tell it like it is, and the meetings are the place for asking questions and getting answers. You guys put me in this job, and I'll continue to do what is in the best interest of our Association, as a whole. I will not tolerate partisan bickering and innuendo. Frankly, we have enough of that in Washington with our elected "representatives." I have been asked and have agreed to run for President again. The election is in December at the Annual Meeting. If you like the direction the Association is heading and

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CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

New main entrance shuts the door on the Kitchen entryway!



And the new ramp affords accessibility to those with handicaps or who are mobility challenged...like some of us geezers!

SPECIAL!

We will have the following events for the Ernie Clarke Club Championship:

ACTION PISTOL – Will use .38 caliber revolvers and ammo as provided by the Club. Course of Fire is revolver friendly. No reloads required.

SMALL BORE RANGE – Best 10 of 15 shots at 50 yds. off the bench. Wooden blocks and rug to support gun (no mechanical, locking rests). .22 caliber only. Iron sights only. Gun and ammo can be provided if shooter doesn't have own.

HIGH POWER RANGE – Best 10 or 15 shots at 100 yds. off the bench. Wooden blocks and rug to support gun (no mechanical, locking rests). Any caliber allowed on High Power range allowed. Iron sights only. Gun and ammo can be provided if shooter doesn't have one.

ARCHERY – 2 groups of 3 shots on 3D target at 15 yd. for traditional bows or 30yds for compound bows. Bows and arrows can be provided if shooter doesn't have own.

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YEAR IN A SNAPSHOT

Board of Directors' Meeting – first Monday of the month, 7:30 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 – usually the third Saturday @ 9am or following Sunday @ 11am

ORGANIZED MATCHES & EVENTS

AR-15 Service Rifle League – 1st Saturday

Army “L” Target Pistol Match – last Saturday

Bullseye Pistol Leagues – Sunday 9:30 am; Tuesday 10 am; Thursday 12:00 pm; Saturday 9 am

Cowboy Action – 3rd Saturdays

Hunter Safety Classes – TBA

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

NRA Action Pistol – Oct. 31

NRA Junior Rifle Program – Sunday 1 pm

NRA 2700 Bullseye Pistol Match – October 17

Public Sight-In Day(s) – To be announced

Shotgun – Trap and Skeet – Temporarily Suspended

Vintage Rifle Shoots – 2nd Saturday

EDUCATION & TRAINING

NRA Range Safety Officer – November 1/ December 6

NBEF & MD Bowhunter Education Program – TBA

NRA Home Firearm Safety & Basic Pistol – TBA

NRA Personal Protection in the Home – TBA

NRA Instructor Courses are offered as requested.

Additional classes, clinics and seminars are scheduled as needed.

SANCTIONED WEEKENDS

October 17 & 18....also Ernie Clarke Memorial Shoot weekend...(This is the Club Championship); & November 7 and 8



**Maryland State Rifle and
Pistol Association**

2009 MARYLAND STATE SERVICE PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, November 7, 2009

NRA Outdoor 900 Service Pistol Match, CMP Excellence-in-Competition Match, and NRA Distinguished Revolver Match

Sponsoring Organizations: This match is sponsored jointly by the MD State Rifle & Pistol Association and the Anne Arundel Fish & Game Conservation Association, Inc.

Rules: Current NRA rules will apply to the service pistol championship and distinguished pistol matches, except that guns and ammunition used in the service pistol championship match must comply with Rule 3.1 and either Rule 3.1.1 or 3.1.2. Current CMP rules will apply to the excellence-in-competition match.

Eligibility: This is an open match. Eligibility for the service pistol championship match and the distinguished revolver match will be determined in accordance with current NRA rules, and eligibility for the excellence-in-competition match will be determined in accordance with current CMP rules. Only shooters who are Maryland residents and current members of MSRPA are eligible to win the Maryland state service pistol championship. Non-residents and shooters who are not members of MSRPA are welcome to compete and will be eligible for monetary awards, but are not eligible to win the state championship. Shooters who are MSRPA members will need to bring proof of membership in the form of either a current membership card or a recent copy of the "Down Range" newsletter with their name on the mailing label to be eligible to win the championship.

Classification: The NRA classification system will be used. Shooters who do not have a classification will compete in the master class. Assigned classifications may be used as provided in Rule 19.6.

Registration Fees:

\$40 for the state service pistol championship match.

\$15 for the excellence-in-competition match.

\$10 for the distinguished revolver match.

Entries: Shooters will register using the attached entry form. The service pistol championship match will be fired in a single relay of up to 24 shooters. Pre-registration is therefore strongly encouraged. To pre-register, mail completed entry forms and payment to: John Hollingshead, P.O. Box 1245, Olney, MD 20830. Mailed registrations must be received no later than Friday, November 6, 2009. Registration on the day of the match will be accepted at the range on a space-available basis.

Personal checks, cashier's checks, and NRA Award Points will be accepted. Checks must be made payable to "AAF&G".

Match Schedule: The match will be fired in one relay, beginning promptly at 10:00 am. A CMP excellence-in-competition match and an NRA distinguished revolver match will be fired immediately following the service pistol championship match.

Course of fire: Slow fire strings will be shot at 50 yards on B-6 targets; timed and rapid fire strings will be shot at 25 yards on B-8 targets. The range is equipped with turning targets at 25 yards. The course of fire for the state service pistol championship will be:

Match #1 - Slow Fire (20 shots)

Match #2 - National Match Course (30 shots)

Match #3 - Timed Fire (20 shots)

Match #4 - Rapid Fire (20 shots)

The course of fire for the CMP excellence-in-competition match and the NRA distinguished revolver match will be the National Match Course. Match #5 will be an aggregate of matches 1 through 4.

Awards: The qualified winner of Match #5 will receive the Maryland State Service Pistol Championship Plaque. Awards will be given to the open winners and class winners in each of the five matches comprising the service pistol championship, and in the excellence-in-competition and distinguished revolver matches. Classes with fewer than 5 competitors will be combined with the next higher class. Open award winners are not removed from the competitor count. There must be at least 5 shooters in a class for a first place award, at least 10 shooters for a second place award, and at least 15 shooters for a third place award. Half of the registration fees, less match expenses, will be given to shooters in awards, payable in the form of cash, check, or NRA Award Points.

Challenges: A challenge fee of \$1 must be posted for any challenge, and will be returned to the shooter if the challenge is successful. Challenges will be judged by a 3-person jury designated by the chief range officer.

Squadding: The service pistol championship match will be squadded. Squadding information will be provided beginning one hour before the commencement of the match.

Match Conditions: Scoring will be done down range. Competitors will be responsible for repairing their own targets, and must provide their own staplers and staples. Violations of NRA rules or good safety practices will result in the shooter's removal from the range and forfeiture of fees. Eye and ear protection must be supplied by each shooter, and must be worn during all firing. Food will not be provided. Sanitary facilities are available in the club house near the range.

Directions to Range: AAF&G is located at 1730 Saint Margarets Road in Annapolis, three miles west of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. From MD Route 50 eastbound, take Exit 28, Bay Dale Drive. Stay left to the stop sign on

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Coming Education & Training Events at AAF&G

BASIC FIREARMS TRAINING:

NRA Range Safety Officer Course:

1. Sunday, November 1st, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm OR
2. Sunday, December 6th, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm

Pre-registration and deposit required; cost \$90 (\$75 for AAF&G members or MSRPA members); min 6 to limit 20; contact Meg Clarke at marston.clarke@verizon.net



NOTICE TO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

(1) This is to notify you, in accordance with ARTICLE X. Section 1. Changes, of the Association bylaws, that changes to the bylaws proposed by the Membership Review Committee and recommended for approval by the Board of Directors will

be presented for adoption by vote of the membership at the general membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 8:00pm. The proposed changes are posted on a large target backer in the clubhouse bulletin board/foyer area for members to review prior to the meeting on Nov 12th. The posting consists of the existing bylaws on the left, the proposed changes highlighted in red on the right, and a summary of the changes in the center.

(2) Also on the agenda at the November 12 meeting is a proposal unanimously approved by the Board of Directors for an annual Capital Assessment of \$50 per member. Funds generated by the Capital Assessment will be spent on range improvement projects as recommended by the Property Stewardship Committee and as approved by the Board of Directors. Members at the Nov 12th meeting will be voting on this proposal as well.

A quorum of the membership is needed to approve bylaw changes so please come out to vote at the November 12th meeting.

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

AIR GUN SHOOTERS

First & Third Thursdays of each month: We set up four target frames in the clubhouse starting at about 6:30pm. We also, suspend a ballistic curtain on the on the right side of the range to prevent an accidental discharges impacting the clubhouse entrance area.

- The first relay starts at about 7:00 pm.
- The firing distance is 10 meters.
- The course of fire consists of a five-minute, unlimited sighting session.
- Then, three ten-round, ten minute strings.
- Depending on the number of shooters and interest we usually have two relays.
- The cost per relay has been \$1.00.

I keep and publish statistics for each league, which runs concurrent with the Bullseye Pistol League. Please let me know if this still fits with your plans and if we can count on you being there.

Regards,

Gary Wagner

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the service road. Make a left at the stop sign and proceed toward the Red Hot & Blue Restaurant. At the restaurant, make a right onto Old Mill Bottom Road. At the next intersection, make a right onto Saint Margarets Road (Route 179). Go 0.7 miles on Saint Margarets Road. The entrance to the club is on the right just before Mill Creek. If you cross a small bridge over the creek, you have gone too far.

For Further Information: Contact John Hollingshead at john.hollingshead@hotmail.com or 301-385-4721.

See Sample Entry Form on Page 6.

2009 VINTAGE RIFLE MATCHES

OCT M1 Garand Rifles, M1 Carbines, and Bolt Action Rifles as originally configured and issued prior to 1964 but may have after-market (Mojo, etc, style) sights.

NOV Rifles of WWI era, configured as originally issued as originally configured but may have after-market (Mojo, etc, style) sights. Rifles used by the Central Powers, Triple Entente, or Non-Belligerents.

DEC M1 Garand Rifles and M1 Carbines as originally configured but may have after-market (Mojo, etc, style) sights.

All matches will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10am-12noon unless otherwise noted. Except for aftermarket sights allowed on Military Bolt Action Rifles, all military rifles should conform to current CMP Competition Rule 6.

VINTAGE RIFLE PROGRAM

Vintage Rifle shooters,

As those of you who shot in the September Match last Saturday may have noticed, semiauto rifles - Garands in particular - seem to be pretty popular with our crowd and generate a lot of interest - 17 shooters on Saturday and Brian and I weren't shooting and Dermott wasn't there - so much interest that some of you may not have had the opportunity to shoot as much as you would have liked. Back in January when we were shooting any military manual bolt action or semiauto issued prior to '64 we had the same number of shooters.

Since 4 months of the year we shoot rifles so vintage that not many have them (two matches for traditional muzzleloaders and two matches for single shot black powder cartridge rifles) and our attendance for those matches frequently won't even make a full relay of 6 shooters, some of you have proposed dropping or rescheduling those vintage categories to other days to provide more matches for semiautos and bolt rifles.

I suggest that effective immediately we take a test run and revise the 2009 Vintage Rifle calendar to make the **October match for as-issued military manual turnbolt rifles AND any as-issued military semiauto rifle issued prior to 1964**. The November match traditionally features WWI rifles (probably mostly bolt rifles, but any Mondragons or semiauto BARs and Chauchats are most welcome!) in honor of Armistice (Veterans) Day and December is for M1 Garands and M1 Carbines in honor of the Battle of the Bulge.

Next year I suggest that the schedule rotate around (1) as-issued military semiautos issued prior to 1964 (**Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct**) (2) as-issued military manual turnbolt rifles (**Feb/May/Aug/Nov**), and any (3) as-issued military rifle, military manual bolt action or semiauto issued prior to 1964 (a combination of the two former categories) (**Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec**). This will give us more frequent opportunities to shoot the most popular guns. And if we continue to get upwards of three relays of shooters, the popularity of the program will speak for itself and we may have to schedule additional Saturdays for Vintage Rifle matches.

Those shooters with traditional muzzleloaders and black powder cartridge rifles know who you/we are and we can always schedule occasional matches on the third or fourth Saturdays to accommodate you/us.

What are your thoughts on these revisions?

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In addition to having an outstanding turnout for the AR15 matches today (12 shooting in two relays), today we also had the Junior-Senior challenge match on the small bore range.

Fielded for the Junior shooters were Mike Kurtis, Nathan Moy, and Zack Anna, winners of the most recent Libby matches (we didn't know that when we accepted the challenge or we would have probably begged off). For the Seniors David Hickey, Brian Swift, and Mike Krofchik had the honors having earned the top three places in our qualifying matches last weekend.

The course of fire was 20 slowfire rounds per position at an NRA A23/5 fifty-yard smallbore target using three positions. The first position was prone, the second offhand, and the third was shooter's choice.

In the prone slowfire phase, the juniors cleaned the seniors' clocks. In the offhand slowfire phase

the juniors cleaned the seniors' clocks again. In the last phase, the juniors really cleaned our clocks with Mike Kurtis shooting a 200/16x out of a possible 200/20x from the prone position and his buddies Nathan and Zack following closely behind.



So, the Junior shooters have bragging rights for the next year or until we can come up with a rematch. And they earned those bragging rights with excellent scores in all positions. Just goes to show you what weekly (and probably more frequent) practice (and 18 year old eyes) will do for your scores.

Maybe our rematch will be the Appleseed targets and course of fire. That'll not only be challenging, but might produce a few more RWVA Riflemen.

Well done Junior shooters! Bravo Zulu to you all.

Best regards,

Bill Palk

Chairman, Nancy B. Eccles High Power Rifle Range Committee

PS: Looks like the adage is correct: "Beware the man with only one gun; he probably knows how to use it!"

JUNIOR RIFLE

My Bisley Adventure

It all started when I was contacted last year by the NRA and invited to compete in the National Matches of the UK as a member of the Goodwill Randle Team. (*I was eligible because I was a previous member of the Randle Team which is chosen yearly at Camp Perry and consists of the top 10 women prone shooters.*) The invitation caught my attention and even though I had not competed, or even shot, in over 30 years I wondered if I could make it happen. I decided if I could get everything together, equipment, rifle, ammo, place to practice, etc.—it was meant to be. Thanks to the members of Arundel Fish and Game, family, and friends who helped me along the way I ended up in Bisley, England in August of this year.

What a wonderful experience and adventure! I left the US not knowing anyone I was traveling with and not sure of what I would encounter. Admittedly I didn't shoot well but the friendships and knowledge I gained was immeasurable. Once I got there it was amazing the people that remembered shooting with me and how friendly, encouraging, and supportive they were. I asked a multitude of questions about their equipment, sights, rifles, ammo, tubes, scopes, triggers, etc and they patiently answered and gave me advice. Lones Wigger, who I stood on the podium with at Camp Perry in 1971 even offered to let me come to the Olympic Training Center for coaching!

The Bisley Meeting had 800 competitors and the actual range used 150 firing points. It is famous for its wind and weather changes which were a constant topic of conversation all week. The rain held off though, and we had sun most of the week, which was very unusual. The Meeting is run a little differently. There is no prep period prior to commencing fire. The commands were (in a very Scottish accent) “settle down”, “stand by” and then a long buzzer. After that you were good to fire and you had better be ready! Matches were numbered and called competitions, each competition had numbered relays called “details”, and targets were “cards”. You could also enter “sticker” matches with names like “Flowers Trophy” and “Duchess of Kent” or “Junior Development Fund”. You purchased the sticker (and the prices varied) and you could either shoot the detail or put the sticker on a target you were required to fire for your aggregate. If you had good conditions you



would see targets “wallpapered” with stickers anticipating a good score. It was a great way to raise money for the sport and special interests.

Upon returning I received an email from Lenore Lemanski, a member of the contingent that went with us and a great prone shooter who has been a member of the Randle Team several times. I think what she wrote sums up my feelings. “Bisley was truly awesome—from the array of clubs and club houses on the complex, to the “village” of caravans (trailers), to the expansive range, to the wonderful social atmosphere. Bisley is something that a small bore shooter ought to experience at least once”.

I am so grateful that I had this opportunity and I hope to continue to shoot — “Who knows?” The Scots have a “meeting” in 2 years that I'd like to go to!

Thanks again to all who encouraged me and helped “make it happen”

Mary Keys Chappellelear

2009 MD State Service Pistol Championship Sample Entry Form – See article on Page 3.

2009 Maryland State Service Pistol Championship
Entry Form

Please print or type

Date: _____, 2009

Name: _____

NRA Number (if any): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Outdoor NRA Classification (please circle as applicable):

High Master Master Expert Sharpshooter Marksman Unclassified

Are you a current member of MSRPA? (please circle as applicable)

Yes

No

NOTE: To be eligible to win the state championship, MSRPA members must bring proof of membership to the match.

Registration Fees: \$40 for the state service pistol championship match.

\$15 for the excellence-in-competition match.

\$10 for the distinguished revolver match.

Total Registration Fees Enclosed: \$ _____

Registration fees may be paid by personal checks, cashier's check, or NRA Award Points. Please do not mail cash. Checks must be made payable to “AAF&G”.

Please forward completed entry form and registration fees to:

John Hollingshead
P.O. Box 1245
Onley, Maryland 20830

AAF&G Gear Highlights Team Spirit

Greetings fellow AAF&Gers! I hope this issue of The SCORE finds you well. Speaking of well...dressed, I've had some custom gear orders in the past month



that boost team spirit (and hopefully enhance accuracy and performance) for the Junior Rifle and High Power Rifle Teams.

The AAF&G Junior Rifle squad, led by coach, Andrea Miller, competed in branded sweatshirts and t-shirts.

AAF&G IDPA shooters – including Dave Cloutier, Steve “The Gnome” Love, and others – were on target for



the Maryland State IDPA Championship held at Sanner’s Lake Sportsman’s Club in Lexington Park.

Likewise, we were well-represented by Bill Palk, Brian Swift, Andy McKinney, and John Hollingshead when the AAF&G High Power Rifle Team geared up for a match at Camp Butner, NC.

Check out the custom-designed t-shirts the guys sported to keep them cool in the heat of competition.

Got gear? Remember to check the AAF&G Web site (www.aafg.org), including the “Gear” page, so you’re up-to-date on the latest club news, events, and apparel.

Contact me at apparel@aafg.org to place an order.



Take care, and be safe!

Jennifer

President, from Page 1.

approve of the changes I have undertaken, then come out and vote for me and others who are seeking to represent your Club. If you are not happy with the way things are going, run for office yourself. I’d welcome it. This has not been an easy year. We have had a lot going on and have made some significant strides in improving our Club. I stand behind every decision we’ve made, because when you attend an average of four meetings a month, and talk to as many of you as I do, I believe (as most of you do) that we are moving forward and improving things for everyone. I have had the opportunity to talk with many of you, and I appreciate the candor and support from members like Jack Stockhausen, Meg Clarke, Bill Palk, Bill Bennett, Steve Pundt, Mark Polansky, Bob Hardy, Richard Dein, John Glister, and others. I’m not singling these folks out for any other reason than as I sit here and write this, snippets of conversations I have had with each of them come to mind.

To update everyone on what has been happening, we have the on-going renovation of the clubhouse, and we have completed the new entry gate. The new gate is now live, so your combination will not get you access to the grounds. Each of you will have to come to either a Board meeting or General meeting to get your “keycard” to activate the gate. Each keycard will be registered to its owner, and a \$25 deposit will be assessed to each of you. If you return your keycard when you leave our rolls, your deposit will be refunded. Lost cards will be assessed a \$25 replacement fee. The Membership Review Committee has

presented a recommendation to the Board of Directors (BOD), and the Board approved it. This new process will be more comprehensive in nature and place more responsibility on sponsors and their prospective members. You should have received an announcement in the mail about the upcoming Bull Roast/Club Championship to be held on Saturday, October 17th. More information about both events can be found elsewhere in this *SCORE*. Also, we will be voting at the November General meeting on two very important issues: an annual assessment; and the changes to the by-laws necessary to overhaul the new membership process. Please plan to attend, and vote!

As I mentioned in the last issue of the *SCORE*, next year we will enforce the February 1st cut-off in the by-laws for payment of dues. The Association is not a financial institution and is not in the business of extending credit. All keycards registered to members that are not current as of February 1st will be deactivated. This will be done on February 2nd.

Stay safe, and I look forward to seeing more of you at the General Meetings and on the ranges.

David Cloutier

Look for RSOs on duty
on Saturdays!



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Club Dinner **October 8th**

Dinner • 7 PM

Dinner by the Kitchen Committee!

Club Activities

NRA Action Pistol

Contact Mark Polansky at 703-254-6700

Bullseye Pistol Leagues

Sunday: 9:30 am; Tuesday: 10 am;
Thursday: 12:00 pm; Saturday: 9 am

Shotgun - Trap and Skeet

Temporarily Suspended

Use the **Plinking Range** to try out a new gun.

Check the Range Rules for caliber
and target restrictions.

Vintage Rifle Match

Second Saturday at 10 am

See page 2 for list of regular activities.