

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

Special Issue

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

In accordance with ARTICLE X of the Bylaws, this constitutes mailed notification to all members that there will be a presentation and subsequent vote on proposed bylaws changes at the June 2008 general membership meeting. Also in accordance with ARTICLE X, a quorum of 10% of the members must be present for the vote to be held.

The proposed bylaws changes (1) address issues associated with the current process for screening/accepting applicants for membership in the Association, (2) create a two-tier membership system (voting and non-voting) to better ensure that quorums can be achieved at meetings where required to conduct Association business, (3) provide for a trial or provisional membership period where newly accepted members will be given the opportunity to demonstrate good character, competency in safe firearms handling, and commitment to the objectives of the Association, and (4) clarify and harmonize existing member categories and privileges and create a new category (Associate Member) for new members who have passed out of the Provisional Member category. It should be noted that except as described below, these changes do not affect any current Individual or Life members or Individual members accepted prior to the approval date of the bylaws change.

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The proposal provides a process whereby members will be afforded greater opportunities than the current process allows to comment on the desirability or lack thereof of accepting prospective members into the Association. The creation of a Membership Interview and Inquiry Subcommittee reporting directly to the Board of Directors (as the Membership Committee) will allow for this member notification procedure as well as allow the scope of the current interview process to be expanded as necessary.

The purpose of the two-tier (voting/non-voting) membership - to better ensure achieving a quorum - requires a finite number of voting members and the proposed number of voting members is 300. However, that is a target number which would be achieved over time and through attrition. This change could affect current members; however, all Life and current Individual members, regardless of the number that are on the Association membership rolls at the time of bylaw change approval, will continue to be voting members and will be able to maintain that status as long as their annual dues (except for Life Members) are paid by February 1st of each year in accordance with the Bylaws ARTICLE III, Section 2, D(1). Life and current Individual members will continue to enjoy all the privileges of Association membership. Non-voting

ByLaws, continued on Page 3.

OFFICERS

President	Erick Graves	987-7670
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Secretary	Debbie Gay	551-3078
Treasurer	Tom Best	562-3631

DIRECTORS

Chairperson: Andrea Miller	
Tom Byrne (1)	Jim DiCanio (1)
George Imhof (1)	Andrea Miller (1)
Jay Honeywell (2)	John Michelli (2)
Paul Striffler (2)	Bill Watkins (2)
Phil Bussey (3)	Meg Clarke (3)
Dermot Hickey (3)	Bob Yurwitz (3)

COMMITTEES

Action Pistol

Jim DiCanio	573-9259
Bob Yurwitz.....	923-6835

Archery

Bill McCready	544-0591
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Building & Grounds

Dermott Hickey	263-2541
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Building Renovation

Meg Clarke.....	267-7233
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Bullseye Pistol

Paul Striffler	544-5648
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Education & Training

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High Power Rifle

Bill Palk	263-7626
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Hunter Safety

David Alianti	257-2469
George Imhof	647-6152

Junior Rifle

Andrea Miller.....	268-0110
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Kitchen

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Legislation & Conservation

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Meg Clarke.....	443-904-5023
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Newsletter

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Safety

Dermott Hickey	263-2541
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Shotgun

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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 – third Saturday @ 9 am 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 – 1st & 3rd Saturdays

Hunter Safety Classes – August 26, 28 & 30; Sept. 16, 18 & 20; Sept. 30, Oct. 2 & 4

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

NRA Action Pistol – September 14

NRA Junior Rifle Program – Sunday 1 pm

NRA 2700 Bullseye Pistol Match – May 17, June 21, Sept. 13, Oct. 18

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

Shotgun – Trap and Skeet – Friday 10 am to 4 pm; Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Vintage Rifle Shoots – 2nd Saturday

EDUCATION & TRAINING

NRA Basic Rifle – August 11, 13 & 16

NRA Home Firearm Safety & Basic Pistol – July 22, 24 & 26

NRA Personal Protection – (Intermediate Pistol – Basic Required) – TBA

NRA Range Safety Officer – TBA

NBEF & MD Bowhunter Education Program – TBA
NRA Instructor Courses are offered as requested.

Additional classes, clinics and seminars are scheduled as needed. See Education and Training article.

SANCTIONED WEEKENDS

May 17 & 18; June 21 & 22; Sept. 13 & 14, Oct. 18 & 19; Nov. 1 & 2

members, in addition to not being eligible to vote, will not be eligible to hold office, nominate candidates for office, or to sponsor new members. Non-voting members would be eligible, based on seniority or length of tenure as Associate members, for conversion to Voting member if the number of Voting members becomes less than 300.

The purpose of the trial/provisional membership period is to allow new members to demonstrate to current members their good character and commitment to the objectives of the Association as well as provide training in and an objective measure of the new member's safe firearms handling abilities. Until they are converted to Associate Member status, Provisional Members would not be authorized to use the ranges unsupervised and will not be given the gate combination. Part of the Provisional Membership process that will affect current members is a mentoring requirement for new member sponsors and will require sponsors to mentor any new members they sponsor for membership, i.e. to help the new member fulfill the requirements for Associate Membership during the Provisional Membership period.

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The new Associate Member category is part of the two-tier membership proposal and is the name for the annual membership category which has non-voting status. When new members have met the requirements of their Provisional Member status, they are eligible to be considered for Associate member status. This change will also affect current members who are not Life or Individual members (Student, Family, and Honorary members) and brings the privileges of Family membership (paying 25% of the current annual dues) in line with the privileges of Student membership (paying 50% of the annual dues) and Honorary Annual membership (paying nothing). Student and Honorary Annual members are currently non-voting. This change would make Family members non-voting members as well. The new categories would be Individual Associate, Family Associate, Student Associate, and Honorary Associate member. Only Individual Associate members (paying the full annual dues) would be eligible for the previously mentioned conversion to Voting member status.

The Board of Directors voted to approve these changes to the bylaws and recommends them to the membership for their approval.



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Pot Luck Dinner June 12th

Dinner
7 PM

Meeting
8 PM

Bring a dish and your membership card
to vote on the By-Laws changes.

Club Activities

Shotgun - Trap and Skeet

Friday: 10am to 4pm

Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Bullseye Pistol Leagues

Sunday 9:30 am; Tuesday 10 am;

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.

See page 2 for list of regular activities.