

## 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

Fellow AA&FGers,

I wish to touch upon Training Activities on AAF&G property in this month's SCORE column. So you are an AAF&G member and you want to train someone on AAF&G property? We have a policy covering such activities. Published in this issue of the SCORE on Pages 5-7 is **AAF&G's Training Policy** – PLEASE become familiar with the policy if you are thinking about training people at AAF&G. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the conduct of training in the shooting sports to members of the Anne Arundel Fish & Game Association, as well as to the general public. Such training benefits AAF&G members and the shooting sports communities by providing exposure, improving skill levels (SAFETY), and enhancing the appeal of AAF&G to potential members.

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Simply put, if you wish to bring someone to AAF&G and train them in an organized endeavor, be it for

*President*, continued on Page 2.

To the person who took the time to fix up all of the general-use target stands on the High Power rifle range - THANK YOU!

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

**PLEASE CHECK THIS ISSUE OF THE SCORE FOR AAF&G's TRAINING POLICY (IF YOU PLAN TO TRAIN ANYONE AT AAF&G YOU NEED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THIS POLICY.)**



AAF&G Training Department is proud to announce that we now have five NRA CRSOs "on staff" to help train club membership in the NRA Certified RSO class. A special thanks to those individuals who stepped up to help AAF&G in a much needed training area.

Our first NRA RSO Cass will be held in June or July, please check future SCORES for details and schedule.

NRA Basic Pistol class is on hold, per the NRA, until at least MAY or JUNE due the class curriculum update. We will report on class status as soon as known.

Please view the official AAF&G Training Schedule that can be found on the AAF&G Website under EDUCATION for future classes: <http://www.aafg.org/education.html>

We are also asking the membership for training feedback. Did you miss a specific class and want to see if it is offered again? Is there a class not offered that you feel will benefit the AAF&G community?

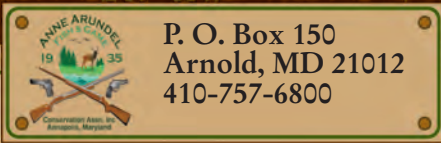
Please contact the AAF&G Training team at: [AAF&G.Training@gmail.com](mailto:AAF&G.Training@gmail.com). We want to hear from you!!!

### Come join us for our... Club Dinner & General Meeting

May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner ~ 7 PM  
Meeting ~ 8 PM

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





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**AAF&G Range Rules:**

<http://www.aafg.org/safety.html#rules>

**Club Officers & Activities:**

[www.aafg.org/activities](http://www.aafg.org/activities)

**2016 Holidays / Shooting Hours:**

[www.aafg.org/hours](http://www.aafg.org/hours)

**2016 Orientation Sessions:**

[www.aafg.org/orientation](http://www.aafg.org/orientation)

**Education & Training:**

<http://www.aafg.org/education.html>

**AAF&G Forum:**

<http://z13.invisionfree.com/AAFandG/index.php>

**Calendar**

[http://www.aafg.org/docs/Score/Calendar\\_May2016.pdf](http://www.aafg.org/docs/Score/Calendar_May2016.pdf)



## Sanctioned Weekends for 2016

The following dates have been approved  
as the Sanctioned Weekends for 2016.

May 21- 22

June 18 - 19

September 10 - 11

October 8 - 9

October 22 - 23

*President*, from Page 1.

Maryland HQL, any NRA or other organizations certified discipline or a CCW certification etc, you need to work with the AAF&G Training Chair/Committee and Board to obtain approval. If you have any questions about this policy or wish to initiate the approval process for a class please contact me or any AAF&G Officer/Board Member.

Hope to see you on the range this month.

Stay safe and share our sport,

*Walt Romaniu*

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All of us in the Shotgun program wish to extend our deepest sympathy to our club members Jim and Patty Price on the loss of their beloved Daughter Jessica Parsons. Jessica was only 31 years of age and just recently married. She was taken very suddenly and is now serving the Lord in a better place.

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We would like to thank **Bob** and **Mona Yurwitz** for heading up the Junior ROTC shotgun event held in April, with the help of **George Imhof**, **John Sasse**, **Rebecca Newton**, and **Fred Sobek**. The kids learned a lot and had a lot of fun. I understand that Andrea even broke a clay – and no she didn't just drop it, she hit it with a perfect shot.

Please remember that everyone is invited to participate in our league shoot, which requires shooting from the 16 yard line. As you improve, you will shoot from increased yardage. I even think the Bullseye and AP folks may be able to hit a few!

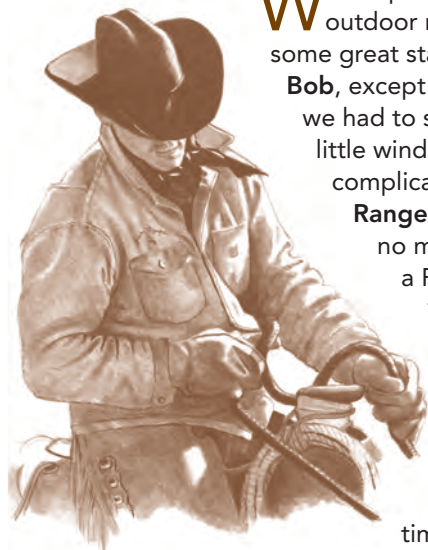
May will be my last month as chairman of the Shotgun Committee. Bob Yurwitz will be taking over the middle of May. I want to thank everyone for their help and support during my five years as chairman. My goal was to better our program and to maintain safety, and I believe we as a group of volunteers have accomplished this.

Thanks, have fun and be safe!

*Warren Isaac*

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# COWBOY ACTION



What a perfect day for some outdoor recreation! We had some great stages by **Buffalo Creek Bob**, except maybe the ones we had to shoot through that little window. He does love to complicate things. **Highland Ranger** came in 1<sup>st</sup>. He had no misses, but did get a Procedural on the 1<sup>st</sup> stage. He wasn't alone; there were 7 P's for the day. **Curly** would be proud. **Casey Green** came in 2<sup>nd</sup>, fastest raw time, just a few too many misses. **MT DeBanks**

came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Danger Don** shot a clean match...(but who could really tell, what with all the smoke!)

I'm sorry I didn't know that the road was going to be blocked at the corner. We thought it would just be closed on the other side of the creek. I hope no one went home because of this. Some were lucky enough to be told by a worker to go around the barricade.

The next shoot is May 21<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you there!

*Millcreek Mona* and *Riverboat Bob*

PS: Remember, a bad attitude is like a lame horse — you can't go anywhere until you change it.

## MAY RSOs and BACKUP RSOs

5/07/2016 Primary: Brian Swift  
Backup: Bill Palk

5/14/2016 Primary: Geoff Hodgdon  
Backup: Andrew Van Sant

5/21/2016 Primary: Bill Palk  
Backup: Michael Shier

5/28/2016 Primary: Tracy Nolte  
Backup: Barry Serfass

# JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM



So the official Junior Rifle Program start date really happened on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The team members got right into prone practice at 50 yards since a match is coming up on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The "Libby" match has been renamed to the **Arlington RPC Jr. Smallbore Championship**. But to me it will always be the "Libby" match. It is set up as a prone and a 3P match. Hopefully we can make a good showing!

A date for the Orientation Class hasn't been determined yet. It will be sometime in May or early June. The class is already full. If I have room on the line come fall I will take more awaiting shooters from my list.

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Some Olympic tidbits: Opening ceremony for the Summer Olympics is August 5<sup>th</sup> and will have 390 competitors in fifteen shooting events. These events include five each of the three major shooting disciplines of rifle, pistol and shotgun. USA's Carl Osburn holds the record for the most Olympic shooting medals with 11, including 5 golds.

The Friends of the NRA Banquet has been set for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Annapolis Elks Club.

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

Have Fun Shooting & Remember Youth are Our Future!

*Andrea Miller*

Chairman Jr. Rifle Program  
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**DEADLINE FOR JUNE  
SCORE MATERIALS  
IS MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

**Send material to David Hickey  
at [aafg.score@gmail.com](mailto:aafg.score@gmail.com)**



# BULLSEYE PISTOL REPORT

## How It's Done

Look at my shot plan. Are my feet correctly positioned? Not quite. Move back foot a bit. Now OK? Yup. Push the pistol into my hand, in just the right place so that my trigger finger lines up on the trigger. Listen to the commands. As command sequence progresses, I try to clear my mind and focus on what I am to do. Sight alignment and trigger. Yeah, that is the secret. Take a deep breath. Let part out. Arm is up. Focus vision on front sight. I hear the metallic clang of the target turning. Don't look at the target my instructor says. It's hard but I keep focus on front sight. It is aligned with back sight, with equal amounts of light on either side. The black target is a fuzzy ball now dancing around on top. I'm putting straight-back pressure on the trigger, slow and steady, like they said. Gosh I wish the fuzzy ball would stay still. It won't. The words echo, "Don't worry. Keep up the pressure and the alignment." Please stay still....

### **Bang! Hey, I didn't expect that!**

My instructor peers through the scope. "Nice shot. Ten ring at 9 o'clock. Way to go!"

If you attended the Bullseye Clinic last month this could have been your experience. Although the weather was cold, hearts and minds were warm as 14 students learned the ABCs of Precision Pistol. Classroom seminars by Master and High Master instructors including **John Hollingshead** and **Rich Kang** were backed up by instructed live fire with students individually coached.

### **Some of the comments:**

"The instructors and trainers were most interesting and helpful, and their passion for the sport was infectious. Great value for the money. Thank you!"

"Really outstanding clinic! I enjoyed the presentation as well as the live coaching on the line. Great idea to rotate the instructors."

"This was a great experience. I could see my progress from the coaching and info I learned in the presentations. The teachers and coaches were extremely knowledgeable and helpful. Everyone was very nice."

"Thank you to everyone who took their time to put on this clinic. What I learned was invaluable and everyone was great. Great group of people. Hope to see you all again at local matches."

Does any of this sound interesting to you? There is very little you can do with one arm that is more fun than this. We would love to have you join us on the line and enjoy this wonderful pastime. We will teach you. Get in touch with Paul Striffler (pjstriff@gmail.com) or Mike McGrath (mm909@comcast.net). Time's a-wasting. The season is now.

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## 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 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.**

The next **Vintage Military Rifle Match** will be held on May 21st 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 9:30am in order to familiarize themselves with the course of fire and get guidance in use of the sling. A five minute unlimited sighter shots 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>.

April is one of the months this year with five Saturdays and We had a nice turnout at the Eccles Range for the first BlackPowderPalooza Rifle Match of 2016. Much white smoke was produced and, remarkably, there were very few dry balls

that needed to be dealt with. Just maybe we're figgerin' out the loading sequence for these contraptions...powder first, then the ball.

**Match Scores on the Forum.** Don't forget, scores from current and most preceding Service, Vintage, and Very Vintage Rifle matches can be found on the AAFG Forum (see Upcoming AAFG 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 AAFG 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.

Shoot Straight and Shoot Safely!

*Bill Palk*

Chair, Eccles Range Committee  
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# ANNE ARUNDEL FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

## TRAINING POLICY

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### PURPOSE & SCOPE

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### DEFINITIONS

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***Paid Instructors*** are persons who charge a fee, and are compensated for, their time, skill, and expenses. Paid instructors may be AAF&G members, representatives of an outside training organization, or private individuals.

***Volunteer Instructors*** are persons who are not compensated for their time or skill, but may be compensated for normal operating expenses such as food, ammunition, training materials, targets, *etc.* Volunteer instructors may be AAF&G members, representatives of an outside training organization, or private individuals.

A ***Sponsor*** is an AAF&G member who acts as the proponent for a recommended training activity, as well as being the primary point of contact between AAF&G and the training participants, and is responsible for ensuring that AAF&G is provided with any and all necessary information about the training activity.

***Legacy Training*** is defined as any training activity, using only volunteer instructors, that has been in continuous operation for a period of three years prior to 31 December, 2015. Unless otherwise specifically named, the Sponsor for a Legacy Training activity will be the Chair of the discipline committee hosting said training.

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## REQUIREMENTS

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All training activities at AAF&G shall meet the following requirements:

1. Training shall be conducted in strict accordance with the current *AAF&G Facility/Range Use and Safety Rules*. If exceptions to these range rules are required, they must be presented as part of the training proposal and be approved by the Safety Committee Chair and the Board of Directors.
2. AAF&G maintains the right to halt any training activity, either temporarily or permanently, in the event of a safety violation or due to any conditions arising that may adversely affect the safety of participants or others.
3. All training participants (instructors and students) shall sign, or have on file, a current-year AAF&G Waiver form. The Board of Directors may, at its sole discretion, authorize the acceptance of a single group waiver to cover an entire training activity, so long as all provisions of the most current individual Waiver form are included. The training Sponsor is responsible for ensuring the Waivers are collected and provided to the Training Committee Chair.
4. AAF&G may require compensation for damage or wear to the facilities, use of consumables (targets, *etc.*), support by AAF&G members, or any other expenses incurred by AAF&G in hosting the training activity.
5. The training Sponsor is required to provide to the Training Committee Chair, in timely fashion, a report summarizing the results of the training activity. The report will include a final list of instructors and students, results of any satisfaction surveys, any safety incidents, any lessons learned, any relevant cost accounting, and any other feedback that would be helpful to AAF&G in planning and executing future training activities. For Legacy Training, a brief recap of training activity in the committee Chair's monthly report to the Board shall suffice for this reporting requirement.
6. Paid Instructors shall carry liability insurance with coverage no less than the highest level of NRA sponsored Firearms Instructor Plus General & Professional Liability available at the time of training. (As of 2016, this amount is \$1M *per* occurrence and \$2M aggregate in liability coverage.) The "Anne Arundel Fish and Game Conservation Association" must be named as an Additional Insured party on the policy. A copy of the insurance policy, or comparable proof of insurance, shall be provided to the Board of Directors.



# Black Powder

Words cannot do justice to describe just how great the weather was for the April Sanctioned Weekend. And the Black Powder shooters took full advantage of the weather for our double-header match on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>. First we had 6 shooters for our morning rifle match. We added to the fun by getting decked out in period clothing. After the smoke cleared, **Guy B.** topped the Offhand shooters and **Cappy K.** finished first in the Benchrest division.

After lunch, 5 shooters headed down to the Bullseye

*"Ready to begin the Black Powder rifle match"*

Pistol range for our afternoon Pistol match. **Bill P.** prevailed in the pistol match, gun parts falling off his '58 Remington revolver notwithstanding. The featured brain-fade of the day was dry-balling, or seating a ball down the barrel/cylinder without first putting in the requisite powder charge to make it go boom. A number of us were guilty of this, (including me). Thanks to Bill's "modern" CO2 clearing tool, the guns were all quickly cleared so shooting could resume.

Total match results for both matches were sent out to the Black Powder Gmail group. Upcoming matches include: Pistol on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. After a summer hiatus, we will have a Rifle match on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and a Pistol match on Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. All matches are on Sanctioned Weekends. Set-up is at 0930 and the matches start at 10:00.

*Guy Bellanca*  
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AAF&G Training Policy

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## APPROVAL PROCESS

Legacy Training is considered already approved in perpetuity, though this approval is subject to revocation by a vote of the Board of Directors.

New training requests shall be initiated by a Sponsor using the Training Activity Request Form (see attachment). This form shall provide the name, goals, and curriculum of the proposed training activity, as well as information regarding the instructors and any relevant certifications they hold.

The training Sponsor shall present the request, with the completed Form, to the Training Committee for approval.

If approved by the Training Committee, the Training Committee Chair will then present a recommendation for training to the Board of Directors for a vote. If the Board motion succeeds, the training is approved and may proceed.

# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

## AAF&G Welcomes Four New Provisional Members

Four provisional member applications were proposed to and approved for acceptance as members by the Board and the General Membership at the April 2016 Board and General Membership meeting. The new provisional members are:

**CHARLES E. HARTMAN**  
**RICHARD A. SIMMONS**  
**RYAN W.A. SIMMONS**  
**WILLIAM L. SNYDER**

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.

## Three More Provisional Members Accepted as Full Members

The April 2016 Board and General Membership meetings saw five more provisional members gain full membership.

**Ronald NAIDA, Stanley SAMORAJCZYK,**  
and **Scott WILLARD**

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 Ron, Stan, and Scott! We hope you have many safe, enjoyable, and successful years shooting with us.

## QUOTES TO NOTE!

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."

-- Samuel Adams,  
Massachusetts Ratifying Convention, 1788

## Provisional Members – Gun School



The next scheduled Gun School is set for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.

If you are a provisional member and wish to register for the Gun School class in May, please send an e-mail to [aafg.training@gmail.com](mailto:aafg.training@gmail.com). We 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 walk-through, 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 us an e-mail as well. We will reserve a space in the next scheduled class, but we still need you to indicate if you plan to attend. We 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 AAF&G Training.

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 Gun School class and cannot attend, that you notify us by e-mail so that we can place someone from the waiting list into the current class. Otherwise, those on the waiting list will be given priority placement in the next Gun School class (date TBD).

AAF&G.Training  
[aafg.training@gmail.com](mailto:aafg.training@gmail.com)

## New Applicant(s) Posting

The following individuals whose names are shown below and are posted in the clubhouse for 30 days beginning March 23, 2016, have applied for membership in AAF&G.

**Joseph S. CLARK**, Crownsville  
*Sponsored by Mona Yurwitz*  
**Robert E. CARRUTHERS**, Annapolis  
*Sponsored by Missy Kelly*  
**Morgan A. COX**, Annapolis  
*Sponsored by John Chew*  
**Jeremy M. DOVER**, Edgewater  
*Sponsored by Rick Dicken*  
**Chad B. WILSON**, Annapolis  
*Sponsored by Mehmet Gorgulu*

If you have any comments - favorable or unfavorable - regarding any of these applicants, please advise Bill Palk by email at [wpalk@verizon.net](mailto:wpalk@verizon.net).



## ~ May 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1900 Board Meeting	<b>3</b> 1000 Bullseye Training	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1200 Bullseye League	<b>6</b> 0900 IDPA 1000 Trap	<b>7</b> RSO Brian Swift 0900 IDPA 0900 Bullseye League 1000 Service Rifle League 1000 Trap
<b>8</b> 0930 Junior Rifle	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1000 Bullseye Training	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1200 Bullseye League 1900 Dinner 2000 General Meeting	<b>13</b> 1000 Trap	<b>14</b> RSO Geoff Hodgdon 0900 Bullseye League 0900 IDPA 1000 Trap 1200 Gun School
<b>15</b> 0930 Junior Rifle	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1000 Bullseye Training	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1200 Bullseye League	<b>20</b> 1000 Trap	<b>21</b> RSO Bill Palk Sanctioned Weekend 0830 Appleseed 0900 Bullseye League 1000 Cowboy Action 1000 Trap 1000 Vintage Rifle League
<b>22</b> Sanctioned Weekend 0830 Appleseed	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1000 Bullseye Training	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1200 Bullseye League	<b>27</b> 1000 Trap	<b>28</b> RSO Tracy Nolte 0900 Army L-Match 0900 IDPA 1000 Trap
<b>29</b> 0930 Junior Rifle 1000 Rimfire Action	<b>30</b> Memorial Day  Centerfire Hours: 1000-1300	<b>31</b> 1000 Bullseye Training				