

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 send Holiday Greetings. I write this column late as usual, in fact Dermott is likely cursing me as I write this. I have just finished Thanksgiving dinner with Jen, my parents, and the Quintal family. It was a long day of cooking and now the tryptophan and wine are doing their job and I'll be nodding off soon. I hope that each of you had an equally enjoyable day. The weather sure has been unseasonably mild. It makes my frequent trips to Florida seem hardly worthwhile in terms of escaping the grip of winter.

You all should have received your annual renewal form just before Thanksgiving. It was a tan colored mailing that was marked "Membership Renewal Materials Enclosed" in large print. Please include your \$50 annual assessment with your dues payment. I will ask William J. Palk, the gatekeeper to our e-mail list, to send out an electronic copy once in mid-December and one last time in early January to catch the stragglers. I intend to very strictly enforce the February 1st cutoff for dues payments this year. To be very clear, anyone not paid by February 1st will have their proximity

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WORTH REPEATING!!!!

THIS IS IMPORTANT... E-MAIL ADDRESSES

When the monthly notice about the latest issue of *The SCORE* being posted to our website goes out to our members, there seems to be a number of emails that bounce back. This can be caused by a number of reasons among which are:

- Your mail server may be down for various reasons and is not receiving mail.
- Sometimes it's because your mailbox is full.
- And sometimes the e-mail address is old and no longer used or has a typo in it.

For the two former reasons for non-delivery we can't do much, but for these last two reasons we can do something albeit we'll need your help.

If you are not getting the monthly email from AAF&G (or somehow know of someone who isn't getting it), please email either aafg@verizon.net or wpalk@verizon.net to provide a current and correct e-mail address. Thanks.

THANKS ARE IN ORDER!

The new coffee maker, donated by member Steve Gozzo, works well and is one of the improvements at the club now. Thanks Steve!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010

POT LUCK HOLIDAY MEAL AT 7 PM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AT 8 PM

RAFFLE OF FRIENDS OF NRA GUN:

WEATHERBY VANGUARD RIFLE

(24" matte black synthetic in .223 cal.
with Monte Carlo stock)

DOOR PRIZES

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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 – usually the third Saturday @ 9 am or following Sunday @ 11 am

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 – To be announced (TBA)

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

NRA Junior Rifle Program – Sunday 1 pm

NRA 2700 Bullseye Pistol Match – TBA

NRA 1800 Regional Revolver Championship – TBA

NRA Service Pistol Regional Championship – TBA

Public Sight-In Day(s) – TBA

Shotgun – Trap and Skeet – Temporarily suspended

Vintage Rifle Shoots – 2nd Saturday

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Bullseye Pistol Range Training – Tuesday 10 am

NRA Range Safety Officer – TBA

NBEF & MD Bowhunter Education Program – TBA

NRA Basic Pistol – TBA

NRA Personal Protection in the Home – TBA

NRA Instructor Development Courses

Range Safety Officer: Sunday, December 5

Home Firearm Safety Instructor: TBA

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

SANCTIONED WEEKENDS

TBA

Look for RSOs on duty
on Saturdays!

Don't Get Left Out!

RENEWING FOR 2011

Renewal forms were mailed to your home address the first week in November. There is one available on Page 4 of this issue of *The SCORE* and as a separate email notice to you.

Dues (including the \$50 Capital Assessment) are due by the 31st of January and can be paid as soon as you receive your notice. Beat the Christmas rush and send your dues early. Please **MAIL** them to the Post Office box so none of us gets a chance to misplace a check or a form.

Membership cards will go out to you in February. Proximity cards (to open the electronic gate) are still available at meetings after a refundable \$25 deposit.

According to the bylaws, members with unpaid dues on February 1, 2011 will be dropped from membership and their proximity cards deactivated. They can then reapply for membership under the current membership process.

Contact Meg Clarke at 443-904-5023 or at marston.clarke@verizon.net if you didn't receive a form in the mail or if you have questions about how the process works.

Meg Clarke

EDUCATION AND TRAINING



**NRA
Range Safety Officer
Sunday, December 5
8 am to 6 pm**

For class information and registration contact Meg Clarke at marston.clarke@verizon.net. The class already has the required minimum to proceed but additional students are welcomed.

2010 ERNIE CLARKE MEMORIAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

It was a picture perfect day on November 7th when the club championship was held. Sunny, about 60 deg. F. and little if any wind, i.e., no excuses for flyers.

A total of 21 competitors went head to head in the following events:

- Rimfire rifle
- Ar-15 rifle
- Rimfire pistol
- Action pistol
- Archery
- Shotgun - Turkey shoot

It was an action filled day, with impressive scores posted and most importantly, a lot of fun for all competitors.

A special thanks to all the fine people who volunteered and helped out to make the event a success. Everyone was a HUGE help.

The 2010 Ernie Clarke Club Champion is going to be announced at the annual meeting on December 9th. Come to the meeting and hear who is this years "Top Shot".

UTAH CONCEALED CARRY CLASS A SUCCESS

Sunday, November 21st had thirty (30) AAF&G members gathered for the Mid-Atlantic Firearms Training presentation of the **Utah Concealed Firearms Permit Course**.

What an action packed afternoon that was — what with the fingerprinting, photographing and assorted administrative paperwork. The training team was well organized and enthusiastic about their work. The only thing missing was a soda machine.

By the end of the day our brains were clogged with all the details of Utah regulations, federal rules and the never ending morass of MD regulations. Everyone completed the course and all of our various questions were answered.

Bryan Fletcher and **Meg Clarke** spent a while after the course figuring out how and when to produce more of this as part of our regular Education and Training program. Watch for details in the New Year.

AAF&G 2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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

Membership Dues for 2011 are due by January 31st. Annual Dues for Regular 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. All members in arrears of their dues as of February 1, 2011 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 2010 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 FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLEARLY

Check Current Type AAF&G Membership: Regular _____ Family _____ Student _____ LIFE _____

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 _____

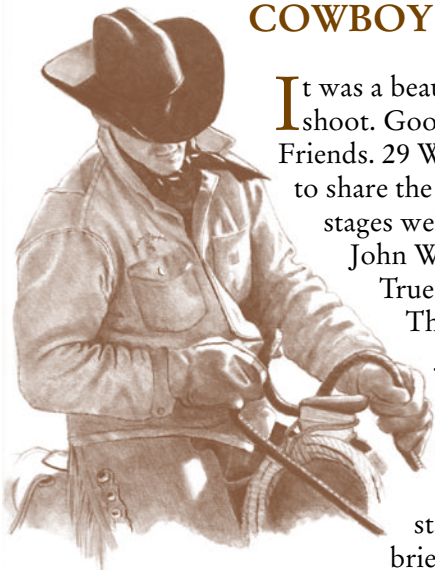
Hobbies _____ Shooting Interests _____

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 and listed on the reverse of this form.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



COWBOY ACTION

It was a beautiful day for a shoot. Good weather and Good Friends. 29 Wranglers showed up to share the day. Scenarios for the stages were based on some of John Waynes best movies; True Grit, McLintock, The Searchers and Big Jake. Stages were all compliments of Wicklow Wrangler.

As usual the day started with a Safety brief, Pledge and Prayer.

2 Poses were formed, Wranglers checked their gear and the first 3 Wranglers loaded up. Shooting began at 10:00 A.M. as per AAFG rules. When the shooting stopped and smoke had cleared the top 3 Wranglers were:

- 2 Step - 118.28
- Wichita Wayne - 124.51
- Durango Dude - 147.90

Kudos to 2 Step and Wyoming Schoolmarm for the only clean matches of the day.

Welcome to Tennessee Ken who was visiting from Tennessee. Hope you can make it back sometime.

Next shoot will be Saturday, December 18, 2010. Don't forget Wicklow Wednesdays on the 1st Wednesday of the month through March.

Adios for now and may the Good Lord take a likin' to ya.

JD

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

COWBOY ACTION MATCH RESULTS

Shooter Class	Shooter Alias	Stage 1			Stage 2			Stage 3			Stage 4			TOTAL		
		Time	Pen	Rank	Time	Pen	Rank	Time	Pen	Rank	Time	Pen	Rank			
S/BW	2 Step	32.12		3	28.53		1	26.74		1	30.89		1	118.28		1
SSR	Wichita Wayne	30.15		1	27.53		2	21.62		2	35.21		3	114.51		2
SBFD	Durango Dude	36.34		5	35.82		3	31.79		3	38.95		5	142.90		3
W	Chaprico Marshall	40.97		6	33.61		5	32.28		4	36.42		4	143.26		4
SR	Vaquero Dan	30.73		2	32.11		10	42.11		7	31.13		2	124.64		5
SR	Wicklow	33.34		5	38.34		4	33.07		15	45.67		9	131.33		2
SR	Buckeye Squirrel Hnt	39.40		5	44.40		8	38.07		5	32.27		3	136.85		6
SSR	LT Romaine	42.92		7	42.75		8	35.50		7	32.27		10	148.17		9
D	Bottoms Up Bruce	43.88		15	43.88		18	50.11		13	42.68		5	147.09		7
W	49 Six Gun Santa	48.44		20	44.42		10	32.85		5	47.68		8	173.88		8
S-	JD Carne	49.24		9	45.70		5	40.84		8	39.51		6	153.83		10
LBW	Wyoming Schoolmarm	54.95		13	51.98		13	46.37		11	44.00		10	176.93		35
L49	Mill Creek Mona	53.42		12	55.03		15	46.37		12	59.17		5	203.27		10
CC	Hank Dogberry	46.64		5	48.70		30	50.03		5	55.03		14	190.20		50
D	Cattle Rustler	62.79		5	56.11		5	61.11		15	54.83		11	222.27		13
T	M.T. de Banks	61.76		10	43.60		5	64.96		18	61.21		12	235.07		20
T	Nicholas D Wolfwood	58.04		16	69.49		15	64.96		15	73.42		15	225.07		45
LT	Robin de Banks	60.66		17	58.51		10	73.88		21	58.73		19	222.77		45
FCD	Dead Eye Duce	52.45		5	57.45		15	56.01		15	63.42		10	246.96		25
W	Riverboat Bob	63.09		15	78.09		23	78.37		23	66.18		16	255.69		20
ES	Tennessee Ken	60.31		10	61.13		16	64.91		10	74.91		22	248.13		45
LW	Cusin Kate	54.55		25	55.27		15	68.10		19	75.68		5	267.13		35
T	Rattlesnake	81.69		10	91.69		27	73.79		22	71.35		10	283.24		20
T	49 Hodge Podges	999.99		29	73.48		5	80.88		21	80.88		21	293.24		20
GF	Colorado Collins	69.29		20	89.29		26	84.57		10	94.57		26	302.20		70
GF	Curly	62.08		28	127.08		28	89.97		40	109.97		29	372.20		27
					39.64		55	94.64		29	99.97		40	443.02		28

BULLSEYE PISTOL REPORT

The last AAF&G Bullseye Pistol Tournament for 2010 was conducted November 6 and 7 with 28 competitors firing the **NRA sanctioned Chesapeake Bay Service Pistol Championship** and 38 competitors firing the **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Excellence in Competition (EIC) Match**.

It was an extraordinary two day event with shooters from the US Marine Corps and the US Air Force, along with the top civilian shooters from Maryland and Virginia. It was the only strictly service pistol competition conducted in Maryland for 2010 and the second annual tournament conducted at AAF&G. For the Championship and EIC Match competitors must use a military specification (milspec) 1911 .45 or a 9mm M-9 type pistol with iron sights. The ammunition used must be full metal jacketed round nose, except for the powder load, exactly the same as milspec military rounds. The courses of fire used consisted of a NRA 900 aggregate for the Championship and the 30 Round National Match Course (NMC) for the EIC Match. The top shooters and scores for the two matches were as follows:

Second Annual AAF&G NRA Registered Chesapeake Bay Service Pistol Championship. Listed for each shooter is the score for the 20 round Slow Fire Match, the 30 round NMC, the 20 round Timed Fire Match, the 20 Round Rapid Fire Match, and the Aggregate Match.

Open Winner:

Rich Kang

HM/CIV 175-04 284-04 197-06 186-04 842-18

High Master/Master: Two Competitors:

Brent Obenour

HM/CIV 178-06 266-04 187-03 183-06 814-19

Master: Six Competitors:

Roberto Perli

MA/CIV 178-01 279-03 193-05 191-05 841-14

Keith Herrington

MA/CIV 167-02 273-00 195-04 187-03 822-9

Expert/Sharpshooter/Marksman: Ten Competitors

Timothy Caven

EX/CIV 161-01 266-08 192-06 177-07 796-22

Rich Hinzman

EX/CIV 176-03 258-02 187-03 168-04 7 89-12

Jennifer Leong

EX/SER 151-01 260-06 179-02 180-03 770-12

Mike McGrath

EX/CIV 154-00 260-04 177-03 178-03 769-10



Unclassified: Nine Competitors

Sean Morris

UN/SER 169-04 274-07 169-00 173-01 785-12

Joshua Peterson

UN/SER 173-01 238-01 168-00 147-02 726-4

Chris Stevens

UN/SER 142-01 208-01 160-01 139-03 649-6

Civilian Marksmanship Program EIC Match: This match, fired after the Championship each day, allows the competitor to accumulate points towards being awarded the coveted US Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. The top 10% of non-distinguished shooters in the Match earn points. A total of 30 points and a 1st or 2nd place finish must be earned. Listed for each shooter is the scores for the three stages of the NMC, Slow Fire, Timed Fire and Rapid Fire, and the Aggregate Match score:

<i>Richard Kang</i>	91-1	97-4	97-3	285-8	
<i>Keith Herrington</i>	89-0	96-4	96-1	281-1	
<i>Dave McCormick</i>	90-1	95-5	94-3	279-9	
<i>Brent Obenour</i>	91-1	96-2	88-0	275-3	
<i>Ed Grove</i>	91-2	92-1	90-2	273-5	
<i>Joe Chang</i>	80-1	98-2	93-3	271-6	
Mark Teskey	75-1	99-6	91-1	265-8	Silver
Roberto Peri	82-1	95-4	86-2	263-7	Silver
<i>Woody Harrison</i>	85-2	93-2	84-2	262-6	
<i>Tom Willats</i>	84-0	93-3	85-1	262-4	
<i>Tim Caven</i>	82-1	86-0	91-4	259-5	Bronze
Sean Morris	85-2	85-2	86-0	256-4	
<i>Jennifer Leong</i>	79-0	94-3	82-2	255-5	
Mike McGrath	77-0	93-2	85-0	255-2	
Gene Tracy	79-2	95-0	78-1	253-3	
<i>Richard Hinzman</i>	92-2	83-2	74-2	249-6	
Paul Striffler	78-0	80-2	85-1	243-3	
Carlton Hensley	73-0	81-0	76-1	230-1	
Joshua Peterson	87-1	80-0	60-0	227-1	

Distinguisher Shooter (not eligible for awards)

Silver = 8 points

Bronze = 6 points

Paul Striffler

pjstriff@cablespeed.com



JUNIOR RIFLE

The next Junior Rifle Orientation class won't be until spring of 2011. If you're interested in the Junior Rifle Program and would like more information, please email me at andrea@chesmill.com.

At the moment the team members are just keeping their skills up. Our next scheduled match is January 1, 2011 at the United States Naval Academy and another one the end of February.

Congratulations on earning Medals:

Pro-Marksman - **Frankie Duarte, Alex Earl,**

Michael Hufker and Chris Ours

Marksman - **Chris Ours**

Marksman 1st Class - **Chloe Manuncia**

Sharpshooter - **Chloe Manuncia**

Sharpshooter Bar 1 - **Sean Marshall**

Sharpshooter Bar 3 - **Courtney Cowger**

Sharpshooter Bar 5 - **Courtney Cowger**

Sharpshooter Bar 8 - **Courtney Cowger**

Sharpshooter Bar 9 - **Ben Wastler**

Zack Anna is working towards his NRA Distinguished Expert medal.

With the holidays right around the corner, the Junior Rifle Program is closing down until Mid-January. Then practice sessions will be determined by the weather on a week to week basis.

Congratulations to **Jeff Cowger** for becoming the newest member to the AAF&G Junior Rifle Program staff.

Thank you to the club members who keep the grass mowed at the smallbore range and to those parents who helped support the program this year.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

Support Our Youth!

Andrea Miller

Chair, Jr. Rifle Program

2010 Coming Gun Shows

December 11th & 12th

MAAC Harrisburg @ Farm Show Complex
Harrisburg, PA

Appalachian Promotions Tall Cedars Bldg.
in the Putty Hill Shopping Center
Parkville, MD

President, from Page 1.

deactivated and will be dropped from the membership rolls. Those wishing to continue as Association members will have to reapply for membership in accordance with the new procedures. Do us both a favor and get those dues in early. Lets avoid any unnecessary unpleasantness.

I don't normally like to quote the range rules in this column but from time to time I feel compelled by random acts of incredible idiocy or just plain old blatant disregard for Association range rules. The one thing in particular that I noted that really took the cake in November was that someone was shooting .50 Action Express on the plinking range. I discovered this brass one Saturday afternoon as I was tidying up my mess at the plinking range. Now, it clearly states in both the range rules and on signage at the plinking range that nothing larger than .44 Magnum is permitted on the plinking range. Before this incident I knew of only two members that even had a pistol chambered in .50 AE, myself and someone known to me. You can bet that it wasn't me and you can even bet more that I speed dialed the other member that I knew of and questioned him thoroughly as to recent shooting activities. Needless to say, it wasn't him - so I'm still on the look out. So be advised, .50AE pistols are to be shot on the bullseye range only.

We should be signing a contract shortly to begin work on our remaining outstanding 2010 project. I hope to be up and running very early in the year. We are at the mercy of the building permit process and other details that could try even Job.

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

David Cloutier

**Have articles to
submit to the Editor?**

**Deadline for article submission
for the January *SCORE* is
December 23.**

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



RIFLE SHOOTING

Matches

The November AR15 match saw seven competitors seeking to improve their scores. Scores are as follows: (Possible score is 300)

Name	Offhand	Prone Rapid	Prone Slow	Total Score
Jeff B.	88	100/1X	99/3X	287/4X
Mike K.	88	96	92/1X	276/1X
Joe R.	76	90	96/4X	260/4X
John M.	85	80*	90	255
Ross S.	41	81/1	86/1	216/2X
Frank C.	59	53	77	189
Steve L.	35	69	85	189

*Gun Malfunction for last shot of Prone Rapid phase

The November Vintage Rifle Match had ten competitors shooting a variety of primarily manual bolt action rifles in six relays. Scores are below:

Relay 1

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Dermott H.	M1903A3	93/1X	John K.	M1903	87
Doyle K.	Mauser	71	Mike T.	SMLE	91
Roy H.	M1903A1	97/2X	Eric S.	K31	93/1X

Relay 2

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Joe R.	Mauser	73	Doyle K.	Mauser	75
Ross S.	Mauser	85	John K.	M1903	83
David H.	M1903A3	99/3X	Steve A.	M1903A3	90

Relay 3

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Dermott H.	M1903A3	88	David H.	MK1903A3	97/1X
Eric S.	K31	94/2X	Mike T.	SMLE	92/1X
Roy H.	M1903A1	95/1X	Steve A.	M1903A3	86

Relay 4

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Joe R.	Mauser	76	Doyle K.	Mauser	87
Ross S.	Mauser	77	John K.	M1903	93
Steve A.	M1903A3	94	Eric S.	K31	97

Relay 5

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Dermott H.	M1903A3	83	Mike T.	SMLE	87
Doyle K.	Mauser	71	John K.	M1903	94/2X
Roy H.	M1903A1	97/3X			

Relay 6

Competitor	Rifle	Score	Competitor	Rifle	Score
Joe R.	Mauser	71	Mike T.	SMLE	93/1X
Ross S.	Mauser	70	John K.	M1903	90/2X
Doyle K.	Mauser	75			

As you can see from the scores above, it often takes a score in the high 90s to win a relay and the match and to do that usually requires shooting a gun with an aperture sight. This is not to say that open sights can't compete on the same playing field. They can if you have the right ammunition – that is to say, consistent ammo – and know how to use the open sights. As evidence, all you need is to look at the winning scores in relays #4 and 6 for **Eric S.** and **Mike T.**, respectively. You may have to work a little harder, practice a bit more, but open sighted rifles can be every bit the equal of an aperture sighted gun. Oh, it also helps to have a good bore, too.

100 yd line improvements

Regular match shooters as well as casual shooters know that often the target frame tubes at the 100 yard line tend to get silted up, especially after a good rain. On one hand we're fortunate that the mud doesn't run off anywhere it would be damaging; it just piles up at the base of the backstop since the range is so flat. On the other hand it's unfortunate that the darned mud fills up and sometimes completely covers the tubes making locating them problematic.

The repurposed railroad ties placed behind the tubes at the last clean-up day were supposed to intercept the mud and keep the holes clear. They didn't. The mud does an end run. So, thanks to **John Cowger** who made them and **Dermott Hickey** and **John Michelli** who installed them, we now have six pairs of stainless steel tubes affixed to the back of the railroad ties. These are mounted such that they are offset to the (right) side from the in-ground holes by about 14". Hopefully it will be a long time before these tubes get plugged. The offset allows us to initially mount a record target and a sighter target before matches to save time repairing/replacing the sighter target before the match starts. Casual shooters using target frames mounted at both 50 and 100 yds may, depending on whether they shoot from the LH or RH side of the bench, notice that a 100 yd target could be partially behind a 50 yd target in the adjacent shooting lane, resulting in shots at the 50 yd target hitting the 100 yd target as well. If this is the case, one solution is to shift the bench a bit more to the side so someone else's target is not behind yours. Another would be to relocate the 100 yd target from the steel tubes to the old in-ground tubes (after you dig them out.) While we haven't quite gotten around to it yet, we do plan to use 2"x2" stakes to plug the in-ground tubes to keep them from getting plugged with mud. When you remove your frame from these tubes, please replace the plugs.

Big Oooops! Department

Once again, picking through the brass bucket reveals a little problem that certainly has the capability of ruining one's day...and gun, maybe. As can be seen in the photo,

this .30-06 shell split both horizontally in two locations around the circumference of the shell, one just above the web and the other half an inch higher, and also split vertically. The primer appears to have been completely blown out and right at the web the case is buckled and bent.

There is now a very long and very shallow-angled shoulder apparently from being fireformed in a chamber that does not appear to have been a .30-06 chamber.

Can't say for certain what happened but it looks as though someone was shooting a rifle chambered for a cartridge other than/ bigger than a .30-06 (a belted round like the .300 Win Mag or similar?) and inadvertently got a .30-06 cartridge mixed up with his other cartridges.

Seeing that the primer disappeared, we wonder what the bolt face now looks like? If you know anything about this situation, kindly let us know. We're curious. I guess the moral here is to pay attention at all times to what you're putting in your gun, starting with sorting the brass, if you reload. With a different cartridge/chamber mix, this could have had far worse consequences.

Shoot Safely and Often,

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Club Activities

Bullseye Pistol Leagues

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

AR 15 League

First Saturday at 10 am

See page 2 for list of regular activities.