

## 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 hope that the New Year has been good for all of you, thus far. We’ve been so busy that we have not had much time to shoot. That’s probably a blessing in disguise with the cost of ammo still up. We’ve felt a bit insulated from that, albeit artificially, because I bought a pallet of 12 gauge ammo early last year. The prices were still up, but when you write that check once, you sort of forget about it as time passes, and you just “take from the stack.” Well, that stack has dwindled to about 10 cases, and it’s time to start thinking about another pallet. For those of you not familiar, a pallet is somewhere between 96 and 100 cases, depending on where you get it. I don’t know how much it weighs, but it’s about three feet from side to side and nearly four feet high. Jen is the most amazing, ammo-consuming machine there is – and there you have it – I need more shells so she can sleep at night.

I’m tapping this out in Orlando, FL, where it has been a balmy 72 degrees. Well, that’s just this week. Last week, it dropped into the 30s at night, and really put a cramp in one of my projects. I’ll try to bring some of this nice weather back with me. The January General Meeting was a success due the great turnout of members and the combined

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### BULLSEYE PISTOL REPORT

The ninth Annual Shrimpfest and Awards Luncheon celebrating the progress of the bullseye pistol program for 2009 and the accomplishments of our AAF&G bullseye pistol shooters was held Sunday, January 17.

Award specifics are listed below and were presented for:

- The Winter 08, Spring 09, Summer 09, and the Fall 09 .22 and Center Fire Pistol Bullseye League top shooters in each classification, and individual milestones.
- High scores in this year’s Army “L” Target tournaments.
- High club scores in our NRA Distinguished Revolver competition
- And the 2009 Anne Arundel Fish and Game Bullseye Pistol Shooter of the year.

### Bullseye Pistol Wrap-up for 2009

The Arundel Fish and Game bullseye pistol shooting program again had an extremely successful year in 2009. We completed four 13 week .22 pistol Leagues involving an average of 36 shooters firing 174 90 round matches in each league, four Center Fire leagues with an average of 10 shooters firing 37 90 round matches, 12 Army “L” Target 1800 tournaments with 184 competitors firing 184 90 round matches, and five NRA Sanctioned 2700 tournaments involving 190 competitors firing 221 90 round matches. In addition, with each 2700 tournament we fired a practice NRA or CMP Distinguished shooter match. A total of 32 competitors fired the 30 round matches. In 2009 AAF&G inaugurated a Maryland State Service Pistol Championship which included NRA and CMP distinguished shooter matches. Thirteen shooters fired the 90 round championship, eleven fired the 30 round NRA match, and ten fired the 30 round CMP match. For 2009 bullseye pistol competitors fired approximately 116,790 rounds down range.

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### GROWING UP IN AMERICA: Emphasis on Plinking, Target Shooting, and Hunting

I am a club member and author of the book, “*Wolves in Russia*.” Many club members have purchased a copy of this book and I thank you for that. Now I have decided to write another book. Presently it is only a concept, an idea, and I am working on selecting a title and organizing chapter headings.

The current working title is: “*Growing up in America - Emphasis on Plinking, Target Shooting and Hunting*.” I plan to have a compilation of short articles and stories about the “good ole days,” written by anyone interested. For example: Info about how old you were when you received your first .22 or shotgun? What model was it, what ammo you used, how much did it cost, did you earn money to buy ammo, could you buy ammo at a local store, etc.

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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 @ 9 am or following Sunday @ 11 am

## 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** – To be announced

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

**NRA Action Pistol** – To be announced

**NRA Junior Rifle Program** – Sunday 1 pm

**NRA 2700 Bullseye Pistol Match** – To be announced

**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** – TBA

**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

April 17 and 18; May 15 and 16; June 19 and 20;

September 11 and 12; October 9 and 10 (Columbus Day Weekend); and, November 6 and 7 (Daylight Savings Ends)

Look for RSOs on duty  
on Saturdays!

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# AAF&G Offers Home Firearm Instructor Training

With the new membership requirements, we'll have a need for additional NRA certified Instructors in Home Firearms Training, a non-shooting safety course that all new members will be attending. If you're a safe and competent gun handler this is the course that will start you putting your skills to good use for the benefit of the club.

An Instructor Development course for Home Firearms Safety (course description below) will be offered on Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st. There will be no charge to you for the materials, Meg Clarke is waiving her Training Counselor fee so your only costs will be the NRA certification fees and your meals. Although the HFS course part is only 4 hours, there is a 6 to 8 hour Basic Instructor Training component that is required first so attendance both days is required.

The NRA's Home Firearm Safety Course is a non-shooting course and teaches students the basic knowledge, skills, and to explain the attitude necessary for the safe

handling and storage of firearms and ammunition in the home. This is a four-hour course for safe gun handling that is conducted in the classroom only. Students are taught NRA's three rules for safe gun handling; primary causes of firearms accidents; firearm parts; how to unload certain action types; ammunition components; cleaning; care; safe storage of firearms in the home; and the benefits of becoming an active participant in the shooting sports. Students will receive the NRA Home Firearm Safety handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, Basic Firearm Training Program brochure, course completion certificate.

If you're interested in stepping up your commitment to the club with this program, please contact Meg Clarke at [marston.clarke@verizon.net](mailto:marston.clarke@verizon.net) or at 443-904-5023 to register. We need at least 6 instructor candidates for this course and 10 or 12 would be the ideal.

*Meg Clarke*

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*Bullseye Pistol*, from Page 1.

## Bullseye Pistol Program History

Since restarting our Bullseye Pistol program in April of 2000 approximately 863,450 rounds have been fired down range in competitive bullseye pistol matches at Anne Arundel Fish and Game.

From November 1999 to February 2000 the bullseye pistol range was closed for operations and completely renovated. In March 2000 we commenced developing our present Bullseye Pistol Program. Since then we have had nine years of increasingly available bullseye pistol competition activities.

In 2000 we restarted the bullseye pistol league and had one NRA sanctioned 2700 tournament. From 2001 on, each year we have had at least three NRA 2700 tournaments, four complete 13 week .22 pistol bullseye leagues, and numerous Army "L" Target 1800 tournaments. In June of 2001 Thursday was added to the league program allowing two relays and the firing of center fire pistols. In August of 2001 the popular Army "L" Target tournaments were increased from one a quarter to one each month. In 2004 the bullseye pistol committee started an AR-15 service rifle league to support the AAF&G Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Operation of the league was turned over to the High Power Rifle Committee in 2006. In 2006 an additional NRA sanctioned 2700 tournament was added to the shooting schedule providing four tournaments a year. In 2007 to meet growing member needs a fifth NRA sanctioned 2700 tournament was added to the shooting schedule, an indoor air pistol range was constructed, the league was expanded with the addition of two relays on

Saturday, and formal center fire bullseye pistol training was started on Tuesday mornings. In 2009 a formal air pistol league firing twice a month commenced, and the Bullseye Pistol Committee held the first ever Maryland State Service Pistol Championship in November.

## .22 Bullseye Pistol League awards

At the end of a league if a shooter's average is above their present classification he/she is moved up. Once a shooter gains a higher classification he/she shoots in that classification from then on. Final averages are computed from the top eight scores fired in any of the league relays during the 12 or 13 weeks of the league. To be eligible for awards shooters must have fired in at least five league relays, and at least two shooters must be eligible in the classification.

### AAF&G 2008 WINTER LEAGUE

*Expert Classification (90%)*

**Eight Competitors fired – Six Eligible**

**Erick Graves – 1st Expert, MOVED TO MASTER**

**Mike McGrath – 2nd Expert**

**Steve Peters – 3rd Expert**

*Sharpshooter Classification (85%)*

**Four Competitors Fired – Three Eligible**

**Steve Yelton – 1st Sharpshooter**

**Individual Awards – Not limited by the five-relay requirement**

**Mike Butterfield - New Personal Best – 847-22**

**Erick Graves – Most Improved Winter League shooter – 4.25 points**

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## Junior Rifle News

The Junior Rifle Orientation Classes for 2010 have not yet been determined. If you'd like to attend an Orientation Class (or just want more information about the program), please email me at [andrea@chesmill.com](mailto:andrea@chesmill.com) (preferred) or call during the day at 410-260-1009.

Congratulations to **Nathan Moy** for earning the rank of Distinguished Expert for 4-Position Smallbore through the NRA Qualification Program.

Congratulations to **Michael Kurtis** and **Nathan Moy** for earning the rank of Distinguished Expert for American Rifleman through the NRA Qualification Program. Both Michael and Nathan are dual Distinguished Experts.

Congratulations to **Michael Kurtis** for earning a Silver Medal at the recent 2010 Junior Olympic Match at the United States Naval Academy. Michael earned the medal in Men's 3-P Smallbore. All team members (Nathan Moy, Zack Anna and Ben Wastler) did a fine job of shooting at this match. It was a match of 20 shots each position (prone, standing and kneeling) with smallbore rifle and then 60 shots International Air Rifle. The next match will be on February 27, 2010 for the Maryland State Regional match, again it will be held at the USNA. Good Luck Team!

### Year 2009 In Review

The Junior Rifle Program had 183 shooters on the firing line, 21 new shooters took the Orientation Class and forty-five medals were earned.

The AAF&G Jr. Rifle team attended competitions at the USNA (Junior Sectional), New Freedom, Pa (NRA 3-P), NRA range (3-P), Fairfax Rod and Gun (two 3-P matches) and the 31st Annual "Libby" at Marriottsville.

With the 2009 grant from the NRA Foundation, I was able to purchase an Anschutz Model 1903 rifle for the Jr. Rifle Program. I submitted a grant for the 2010 season, specifying for ammunition.

I'd like to thank the Maintenance Committee for keeping the grass cut on the smallbore range.

Also, all the club members who thought of the Jr. Rifle Program through cash donations, shooting jackets and even the \$1 from saying the "W" work.

The Junior Rifle Program closed for the Holidays starting on December 13 and starts back up on February 14, 2010. The forty-degree weather rule starts February 14, which is if the temperature is below forty-degrees at noon no shooting for the day. We go by the Naval Academy weather station. Current team member parents, please watch your email's closely on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

*Andrea Miller*  
Chairman, Jr. Rifle Program

*President*, from Page 1.

culinary talents of Kathy and Mike Anderson and Marian Knode (a.k.a. "The Desert Lady"). Meg tells me that renewals have been coming in fast and furious. That's fantastic! By the time you read this, if you haven't paid, you'll be in the proverbial canoe sans paddle! Most of the renewals that have come in have included the \$50 annual assessment – Thank you! You should have received a notice sometime during the week of 1/18 alerting you to the fact that the assessment is due this year by 3/31. Next year, it will be due WITH the dues.

We are working on the proximity card reader for the clubhouse door, and I hope to have that installed during the month of February. We are working hard on some of the legacy projects from 2009 and will continue to move them towards completion. We appreciate your patience and support. Also, please remember that we have instituted a new membership process; do not bring prospective members to the monthly Board Meeting, as you have done in the past. Direct them to our website ([www.aafg.org](http://www.aafg.org)), where the application and instructions can be found.

Lastly, I have two things I want to share. Pending Board action in February, either we will suspend the availability of cold drinks, or we will install a soda machine. It's with heavy heart that I do this, but what we are finding rattling around in the bottom of the jar does not cover the sodas that are coming out of the fridge. I will not countenance subsidizing someone's thirst! Based on some things I have discovered recently on the Hi-Power Range, we must have some really cockeyed shooters in this club. Pay attention to where you place your targets, and observe carefully all posted range rules. I also ask that you keep an eye on your fellow shooters to ensure that everything is kept ship-shape.

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

*David Cloutier*

### WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

[www.shotgunnews.com](http://www.shotgunnews.com)

[www.allentownshow.net](http://www.allentownshow.net)

[www.appalachianpromotions.com](http://www.appalachianpromotions.com)

[www.blueridgeknives.net](http://www.blueridgeknives.net)

[www.galleryofguns.com](http://www.galleryofguns.com)

[www.cheaperthandirt.com](http://www.cheaperthandirt.com)

[www.gunbroker.com](http://www.gunbroker.com)





**AAF&G 2009 SPRING LEAGUE**

*Master Classification (95%)*

Four Competitors Fired – Two Eligible

Ed Grove – 1st Master

*Expert Classification (90%)*

Eight Competitors fired – Six Eligible

Mike McGrath – 1st Expert

Steve Peters – 2nd Expert

Mike Butterfield – 3rd Expert

*Sharpshooter Classification (85%)*

Four Competitors Fired – Two Eligible

Steve Rogers – 1st Sharpshooter

*Marksmanship Classification (Below 85%)*

Eleven Competitors Fired – Five Eligible

John Morrison – 1st Marksman

Pat DiMauro – 2nd Marksman

Individual Awards – Not limited by the five-relay requirement

Steve Yelton - New Personal Best – 819-18

Steve Rogers – New Personal Best – 848-24

Mike Butterfield - New Personal Best – 849-23

Mike McGrath - New Personal Best – 852-26

Erick Graves - New Personal Best – 869-30

Ed Grove - New Personal Best – 872-31

Steve Rogers – Most Improved Spring League shooter – 67.75 points

**AAF&G 2009 SUMMER LEAGUE**

*Expert Classification (90%)*

Nine Competitors fired – Five Eligible

Mike McGrath – 1st Expert

Steve Peters – 2nd Expert

*Sharpshooter Classification (85%)*

Eight Competitors Fired – Four Eligible

Steve Yelton - 1st Sharpshooter

Jack Walsh – 2nd Sharpshooter

*Marksmanship Classification (Below 85%)*

Nine Competitors Fired – Three Eligible

John Morrison – 1st Marksman

Individual Awards – Not limited by the five-relay requirement

Channing Mahatan – New Personal Best – 812-10

Mike McGrath – New Personal Best – 863-32

Channing Mahatan – Most Improved Summer League shooter – 19 points

**AAF&G 2009 FALL LEAGUE**

*Expert Classification (90%)*

Eight Competitors fired – Five Eligible

Steve Peters – 1st Expert

Mike McGrath – 2nd Expert

*Sharpshooter Classification (85%)*

Four Competitors Fired – Three Eligible

Jack Walsh – 1st Sharpshooter

Individual Awards – Not limited by the five-relay requirement

Jack Walsh - New Personal Best – 822-12

Steve Peters – New Personal Best – 862-25

Fran Filippelli – Most Improved Fall League shooter – 30.63 points

**CF Bullseye Pistol League Awards**

League Center Fire classifications and awards are the same as the .22 league except that due to the lower number of Center Fire shooters and the smaller number of matches fired, the criteria for Center Fire award eligibility is three relays per league and final averages are computed from the top five scores.

**AAF&G 2008 CF WINTER LEAGUE**

*Expert Classification (90%)*

Three Competitors fired – Two Eligible

Paul Striffler – 1st Expert

Individual Awards – None

**AAF&G 2009 CF SPRING LEAGUE**

*Expert Classification (90%)*

Four Competitors fired – Three Eligible

Mike McGrath 1st Expert

*Marksmanship Classification (Below 85%)*

Four Competitors Fired – Two Eligible

Jack Walsh – 1st Marksman

Individual Awards – Not limited by the three-relay requirement

Mike Butterfield - New Personal Best – 803-15

Paul Striffler – New Personal Best – 829-17

Ed Grove – New Personal Best – 858-36

**AAF&G 2009 CF SUMMER LEAGUE**

*Expert Classification (90%)*

Three Competitors fired – Three Eligible

Mike McGrath – 1st Expert

Individual Awards – Not limited by the three-relay requirement

Mike McGrath - New Personal Best – 846-23

**AAF&G 2009 CF FALL LEAGUE**

*Expert Classification (90%)*

Three Competitors fired – Three Eligible

Steve Peters – 1st Expert

Individual Awards – Not limited by the three-relay requirement

Steve Peters - New Personal Best – 834-22

### Army "L" Target Tournament Awards

The following shooters had the top scores for AAF&G competitors in the 2009 Army "L" Target Tournaments:

#### .22 AGGREGATE

##### 4th Place

.22 Mike McGrath 892-56 September 26, 2009

##### 3rd Place

.22 John Hollingshead 897-80 April 25, 2009

##### 2nd Place

.22 Erick Graves 898-77 November 28, 2009

##### 1st Place

.22 Ed Grove 898-79 April 25, 2009

#### CF AGGREGATE

##### 4th Place CF

Paul Striffler 881-55 September 26, 2009

##### 3rd Place CF:

Mike McGrath 885-57 September 26, 2009

##### 2nd Place CF:

John Hollingshead 888-75 April 25, 2009

##### 1st Place CF:

Ed Grove 896-78 April 25, 2009

#### NRA DISTINGUISHED REVOLVER PROGRAM

The following two shooters had the top scores of the of the 4 AAF&G competitors who fired a total of 8 matches in the four practice and one for record NRA Distinguished Revolver Matches held at AAF&G:

2nd Place: Erick Graves - 241-3, September 12

1st Place: Paul Striffler - 248-4, November 7

### Award for the 2009 AAF&G Bullseye Pistol Shooter of the Year

This award is provided to the shooter who has diligently and persistently applied sustained effort in improving their skill in the sport, and who has fully supported the various facets of the AAF&G bullseye pistol program.

Recipients, starting at our second Shrimpfest were:

2002 David Napierkowski

2003 Erick Graves

2004 Brian Davids

2005 John Hollingshead

2006 Gordon Davids

2007 Jack Walsh

2008 Steve Peters

This year's award winner is an accomplished competitive bullseye pistol shooter, a team player and tremendous supporter of the BE pistol program, and he is fully absorbed in the many facets of the bullseye pistol shooting sport. In a short period of time he has collected some fine match grade target pistols, which he does not hesitate to tinker with and work on himself. He is analytical in his

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Who taught you firearm safety? Do you remember any particular safety lessons? My father told me, "You are responsible for each shot. Once fired, you can't wish it back." I will always remember that.

I plan to write about the changing attitudes of Americans about firearms and firearm ownership. To help me with this book, I request you write down some of your personal experiences growing up in America with firearms. For example, my first job was shooting pigeons off the roof of Edgerton High School, then on to gophers in the city cemetery. I lived on a farm and during the fall and winter I sometimes took my .22 or shotgun (Remington 341-P or 20 gauge Iver Johnson single shot) to school and hunted walking home. What wonderful memories I still have about those years.

I am sure some of you have stories about your first introduction to firearms. I request that you would please jot down your stories and send them to me. My email address is: [will.52@comcast.net](mailto:will.52@comcast.net), address: Will Graves, 900 Hillen Drive, Millersville, MD, 21108. My phone number is: 419 987-7670. Don't worry about style, grammar etc., just please get the info to me and I will write it up into a manuscript. The publisher of my first book said he will almost certainly publish this one. I would like to hear from you.

Will Graves

## AR15 Service Rifle League

The first AR15 League Match of the year was off to a cold start on January 2 with the temperature at 26 degrees and 6 shooters competing.

The match was called by Bill Palk with 6 shooters competing and their recorded scores as follows:

1. John c -278-4x
2. Brian S. -275-3x
3. Jim S. 267-4x
4. Sam M. 253-4x
5. Mike K 253-4x
6. Skip M 238

The next match will be the 6th of February at 10:00 AM and remember that the cost this year will be \$5.00 for club members and \$10.00 for non-members. Dress warmly and we will see you then!

Mike Krofchik

## Rifle Range

The recent period of moderate temperatures suggests that Spring is on the way and with it another season of going to the range more frequently, testing more handloads, putting more holes in paper targets, and enviously eying what's on some of the other shooting benches. With Spring weather in mind we'll provide a little inventory of some of the projects in line for initiation or completion this year. And these are not necessarily listed in order of priority, need, funding, or whatever. It's whatever first comes to mind as I mentally survey the range and perceive some needs.

First, recognizing that occasionally the 100 yd target frame tubes get plugged with mud from a downpour and often obscured by ice and snow, you'll soon see some used railroad tie sections that will subsequently be arranged in a line along the 100 yard line and will have target frame tubes affixed to the back of them. The tie sections will serve nicely, I think, in retaining the crud that now gets into the sunken tubes and will also make it a heckuva lot easier to find when the ground is covered with snow, ice, tall grass and mud. While you knew where the 100 yard line was, thanks to the signpost courtesy of Richard Dein, one was never quite sure where the tubes were and if lucky enough to find one, was it the one corresponding to your shooting position number? The ties will be painted and numbered so this difficulty and confusion should be a thing of the past.

Next project...the ground baffles will be backed up with some more wood and spacers and the interstitial space will be filled with gravel. Since some of the currently installed 4"x4"s have been pretty well shot up, some of those may need to be replaced.

Speaking of getting shot up, those of you who have been members for a few years probably know that the purpose of the ground baffles is to intercept shots that might strike the ground before they get to the 100 yard line. They seem to have been somewhat effective in stopping or at least significantly slowing many...maybe most...of the shots that could become ground ricochets, but in doing so become unnecessarily damaged. It looks as though much of the damage originates from position 5, the only one with a pair of target frame tubes at 25 yards. We've tried to stop the 65 yard baffle damage by prohibiting offhand shooting at 25 yard targets at position 5. I guess the question is, is that an effective measure or is the prohibition being ignored? Installing 25 yard tubes at the other five shooting positions is/was also on the list of improvements but before we proceed with that little improvement I'd like to solicit comments and suggestions from rifle range users on whether this is a prudent idea or not. Given the distant damage that seems to come from shooting at 25 yard targets offhand I'm not sure what the best solution is but we'll certainly look at any suggestions

that come our way in this regard.

Lastly, the thought has occurred that perhaps we might want to elevate the shooting platform using the shooting benches as a support structure for plywood on top. One would still be able to shoot seated and offhand, but prone shooting would be from the bench top. This would also have the advantage of putting the shooter square in the middle of the shooting lane regardless of whether he/she is left- or right-handed. The result: no more parallax concerns when shooting from the edges of the shooting lane. This idea is still on the drawing board and may very well have to wait for more urgent projects to be funded.

This Spring and Summer you might be seeing a few more organized meets on the rifle range. Brian Swift is working on getting some Appleseed Clinics (<http://appleseedinfo.org/>) put on at AAF&G. These would be the first in the State of Maryland and excellent for teaching and reiterating the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship. Similarly the CMP Garand/Springfield/Foreign Military Rifle Instructor group has indicated that there may also be one or two CMP GSA clinics in the offing this Spring and Summer. If you have a rifle and want to learn how to use it more effectively, look for these clinic offerings in the *SCORE*, on the bulletin boards, on the aafg website ([www.aafg.org](http://www.aafg.org)), and by email notice. Both clinics are well worth the entry fee.

Shoot often,

**Bill Palk**

Chair, Rifle Range Committee

### 2010 SANCTIONED WEEKENDS

*Shoot early, shoot often, shoot late, shoot centerfire on Sundays.*

**Mark your calendars now so you don't miss an opportunity to spend the whole day (or the whole weekend) at the range.**

*We only get 6 of these weekends a year so make the most of them. Check your range rules for what's available on which range and come out and enjoy your club.*

1. April 17 and 18
  2. May 15 and 16
  3. June 19 and 20
  4. September 11 and 12
  5. October 9 and 10 (Columbus Day Weekend)
  6. November 6 and 7 (Daylight Savings Ends)
- The Club Championship, otherwise known as the Ernie Clarke Memorial Shoot, and the annual Bull Roast dates to be determined later.



*Bullseye Pistol*, from Page 7.

approach to the sport, and is always thinking about how he can improve his shooting performance, improve his guns, and provide more accurate ammunition; which he has become very skilled at reloading.

He fired his first round down range in the AAF&G 2007 Winter Bullseye pistol league on February 21, 2008 firing a 645-0 aggregate. His previous experience with competitive pistol shooting in the Army quickly took hold and at the end of the next league, the 2008 Spring league, he moved from Marksman to Expert, skipping the Sharpshooter classification, and fired a personal best of 827-15. This was 182 points higher than his initial score he fired several months before. He was the most improved shooter of the spring league. His performance in 2008 continued to improve with higher averages and personal bests. Now, in 2009 he has dominated the Expert class in both the .22 and Center Fire leagues, firing personal bests of 863-32 and 846-23 respectively, has been a top shooter in the Army "L" target tournaments, and an impressive service pistol shooter.

In 2008 he also commenced competing in NRA sanctioned outdoor conventional pistol 2700 tournaments, firing at both AAF&G and the 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct Pistol Club. He consistently finished as the 1<sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter in tournaments in 2008 and 2009 firing grand aggregates in the Expert classification. His shooting skills and competitive focus became very evident with his traveling to Ohio with the AAF&G bullseye pistol team to shoot a large regional tournament in Canton and the NRA National Pistol Championship at Camp Perry. At Canton he finished second out of 29 competitors with a grand aggregate of 2448-46, winning or in the top three shooters in most individual matches, and dominating in the large

caliber pistols. At Camp Perry he continued to shoot well against 117 Sharpshooters from all over the country. Having been his first opportunity to shoot in the difficult shooting conditions at Perry he was able to finish 6<sup>th</sup> over all in the practice pistol 900 aggregate, 7<sup>th</sup> in the .22 slow fire match, 10<sup>th</sup> in Center Fire slow fire match, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the .45 slow fire match, and third in the .45 Nation Match Course. This was a particularly impressive showing, for having been involved with competitive shooting for only a year and a half.

He has been involved with bullseye pistol committee planning meetings, all work parties, and has always been ready to provide whatever assistance is required, no matter how small or large the project. He has provided thoughtful recommendations to many projects, including one he originated to mine the lead in our range backstop for fun and profit. He has also organized our center fire shooting efforts by maintaining the score statistics so shooting progress can be better evaluated. The 2009 Anne Arundel Fish and Game Bullseye Pistol Shooter of the Year is **Mike McGrath**.



*Paul Striffler (Pistol Committee Chariman) presents The 2009 AAF&G Bullseye Pistol Shooter of the Year award to Mike McGrath.*

## A Recap ... Election of Officers and Directors for 2010

The Annual/Holiday Meeting was the forum for the election of the officers and directors for 2010. The Nominating Committee announced the proposed slate at the September 09 meeting. The slate was as follows:

For President	David Cloutier
For Vice President	Jay Honeywell
For Secretary	Debbie Gay
For Treasurer	Tom Best
For Director	Tom Byrne
	Jim Tisack
	Jack Walsh
	Joe Medell

The chairman of the Nominating Committee then called for any additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

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 again there were none. Because there were no additional candidates for any of the offices other than the proposed slate, that slate was elected by acclamation. It was somewhat of an anticlimax, but it was what it was. Thus, the new officers and directors for 2010 are as shown above.

Congratulations to them all, and since none of them are new to AAF&G, the board, or the officer positions they now encumber, we anticipate that they will continue to work hard to bring to fruition many of the initiatives begun earlier this year.

The 2009 Nominating Committee

*Bill Palk, Jennifer Martin,  
and Warren Stephens*



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## *Club Dinner*

**February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner • 7 PM**

*Dinner by Mike and Kathy  
Anderson...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

### **AR 15 League**

First Saturday at 10 am

See page 2 for list of regular activities.