

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

CLUB AWARD for 2013

"PRESENTED ANNUALLY FOR CONSPICUOUS SERVICE AND SELFLESS SUPPORT OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF ANNE ARUNDEL FISH AND GAME CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC."



This is the way the plaque reads on the wall behind the table I sit at each month at the general meetings. This award was initiated by my predecessor, Dave Cloutier, and first awarded to **Dermott Hickey** in 2011. This award is given each year to the person who has gone above and beyond what most, if not all, members have done to contribute to the advancement of AAF&G. **Meg Clarke** was awarded this honor for 2012.

Although a little late, I have awarded this honor for 2013 to **Bill Palk**. I am sure most everybody knows Bill. If you have joined AAF&G in the last couple of years, you most definitely know Bill as he has been at 99% of the new member interviews. I can't begin to tell the members what an integral part Bill has played in this organization.

The 2012 recipient, Meg Clarke, did more than most members can imagine. When Meg could no longer handle some of the day-to-day chores, Bill stepped up and took on the responsibilities where Meg left off. I cannot begin to express my thanks and gratitude to Bill for a job well done these last couple of years! He has made my job much easier with the effort he has put forth! All we have to do is clone Bill and I could stop asking members to step up and help – my President's column would be half the space in the *SCORE* each month!

Since this is the last time I will issue this award as President of Anne Arundel Fish And Game Conservation Association, it gives me the greatest pleasure to give this award to the person I feel deserves it more than any other member this year: Bill Palk. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Steve Love

Come join us for our
**Pot Luck Supper
 & General Meeting**
June 12th
Dinner ~ 7 PM
Meeting ~ 8 PM
Please bring a dish to share!



From the President

Hello Fellow Shooters,

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day! The weather was great and the club was jumping. All of the usual suspects were there. We are coming into the height of the shooting season and it was great seeing everyone. It was really great to see **David Auld**, who recently became a full member, enjoy his ability to shoot without having to wait for a full member to show up. He had a big smile the entire time! It warms my heart to see Provisional Members make the jump to full membership. If you see a Provisional Member at the club, take a minute to see if there is anything you can do to help them on their path to full membership. Who knows, you could end up with a new shooting buddy!

I know I sound like a broken record, but we are still looking for members to step up and volunteer. We are burning out the members who continue to step up. There are many things that you can do that do not require a lot of time. PLEASE look on the website and in the *SCORE* to see who to contact to offer your time. If you aren't sure who to contact, contact me. My email is listed in the *SCORE* every month.

On the news front, the new shot curtain has been delivered. If you shoot trap, be sure to thank the people who are making the replacement curtain happen. I would mention their names, but I

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AAF&G Range Rules:
<http://www.aafg.org/safety.html#rules>

Club Officers & Activities:
www.aafg.org/activities

2014 Holidays / Shooting Hours:
www.aafg.org/hours

2014 Orientation Sessions:
www.aafg.org/orientation

AAF&G Forum:
<http://z13.invisionfree.com/AAFandG/index.php>

Calendar
http://www.aafg.org/docs/Score/Calendar_June2014.pdf



Proposed Dues Increase for 2015

The Revenue Committee is charged with finding ways to raise funds for AAF&G. Due to the ongoing budgetary struggles and very real increases in needed expenditures for the continued operations and viability of AAF&G, a dues increase has been explored and determined to be a viable option. An in-depth look at neighboring gun clubs fee-structures and facilities-offered was undertaken. A summary of neighboring club fees is listed below. Additionally, **AAF&G has held the line with NO dues increase for the past 13 years.** Over the past 10 years inflation has averaged 2.5% per year on average. That equates to a 25% increase in real costs that the club has had to absorb during that timeframe. Utilities, trash removal, taxes, insurance, property stewardship, materials, etc. have all increased.

At the April Board of Directors meeting, the revenue committee motioned for, and the Board approved, a proposed dues increase of \$50 effective 01 January 2015. The proposed membership dues structure of \$200 for individual members would increase to \$250 beginning in 2015. Note that the \$50 annual capital assessment is separate from the dues. The matter will be posted in the club newsletter, and be voted upon by the general membership at the September 2014 general meeting.

Appleseed



Don't have time to devote two full days to attending an Appleseed? Well, we've heard you, and so this summer in July and August we are having ONE DAY events at AAFG. In my never ending quest to remove excuses from attending an Appleseed, if you need anything (rifle, ammo, mat, any gear, etc), email me and the odds are great that we'll

be able to get you on the line! Sign up now before these classes are sold out!

<http://appleseedinfo.org/search-states-display.php?qstate=MD&statename=Maryland>

Like us on Facebook here:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Appleseed-Maryland/264406060313831>

Brian Swift

Appleseed State Coordinator/Senior Instructor

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Pertinent data: First year dues/fees etc. at neighboring clubs

- Stoney Creek: \$370 + 16hrs of time. Drops to \$50/yr + time at 6th year.
- Berwyn: \$600, drops to \$400 in the 2nd year.
- 12th Precinct: \$170/year (archery, pistol and rimfire only).
- AGC: Range badge \$150/year plus membership in a member club.

AAF&G current fee structure: \$450 in 1st year (dues, assessment, initiation), then \$250/yr thereafter (\$200 dues + \$50 assessment)

Remember to consider what these neighboring clubs offer versus what AAF&G offers.

If you have any questions regarding this proposed dues increase, please speak to your Board of Directors members and also feel free to email the revenue committee chair with any questions.

Brian Swift

AAF&G Revenue Committee Chair
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JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

The Junior Rifle Program resumed on May 4, 2014. The morning session runs from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and the afternoon session from 12:45 pm to 2:45 pm. The Orientation Classes for 2014 are June 8th and September 7th. I will be taking students from the wait list first. If you would like information about our program or to be added to the wait list, please email me at andrea@chesmill.com.

I'm hoping to take eight to ten shooters to the annual "Libby" prone match on June 7, 2014. Because of the shortage of ammo, we will only shoot 80 rounds instead of the usual 160 rounds at 50 yards. The following are competitions in the area this summer that are open to all:

Prone tournament: New Freedom PA (Seitzland)
June 21-22

Email: dlphunter@comcast.net

Prone Tournament: Manassas, VA
August 30-31

Email: handlebargh@verizon.net

NRA Conventional Position: Manassas, VA
September 6

Email: lrterry1@verizon.net

Prone Tournament: New Freedom PA (Seitzland)
September 20

Email: dlphunter@comcast.net

Alex Kubera started working on the shed for his Eagle Scout Project on May 10, 2014. The shed will be used by the Appleseed Program. Anyone wishing to can still donate to Alex's project. Email me at (andrea@chesmill.com) and I will send you Alex's information.

NRA Qualification Program medals for April/May:

Dolan Carella - Marksman medal

Ben Dearing - Sharpshooter Bar 1

Paul Hicks - Sharpshooter medal
and Sharpshooter Bar 1

Have Fun Shooting & Remember Youth are our Future!

Andrea Miller

Chairman Jr. Rifle Program



HELP WANTED: Long hours and no pay.

Fellow plinking range shooters: I am planning to expand the Plinking Range Committee and am looking for some good talent. The reason I am doing this is that we have so many new shooters that I need more assistance in taking care of the range, explaining how the target system works, and making repairs until the new folks learn the ropes.

There are two prerequisites for the job.

1. You shoot at the Plinking Range fairly regularly.
2. You have been an AAF&G voting member for 2 years.

Some desired qualities are:

- Being an AAF&G RSO
- Living close to the range
- Being retired or having weekdays off
- Having knowledge of hand tools and small powered tools
- Knowing how to clear and field strip different types of hand guns

If you are interested, please email a small résumé to johnandnanc182@yahoo.com.

John Michelli

JUNE RSOs and BACKUP RSOs

6/7/2014 Primary: Frank Calcaterra
Backup: Steve Peters

6/21/2014 Primary: Bill Osborne
Backup: Al Monch

6/14/2014 Primary: Bill Pierson
Backup: Tom Menefee

6/28/2014 Primary: Tom Menefee
Backup: Tod Sisk



BLACK POWDER EXHIBITION/DEMONSTRATION CAP & BALL REVOLVER MATCH

On Sunday, May 18th we held an exhibition/demo Cap & Ball revolver match on the Bullseye range. The purpose was twofold: to gauge the extent of any member interest in holding periodic cap & ball revolver matches and to acquaint members who own a cap & ball revolver, but may have never shot it, with all the procedures/steps necessary to safely and accurately shoot these handguns.

Prior to going to the firing line and live firing, there was a tutorial held at the clubhouse to discuss the history behind these handguns and to go over the details of the loading, disassembly, cleaning, and reassembly procedures. Unlike the fixed cartridge-using successors to these revolvers, cap & ball revolvers – as with all traditional muzzleloading firearms – are the epitome of handloading. Each chamber is loaded individually with a carefully measured amount of black powder or modern black powder substitute. This is followed by – depending on your desires – the ball or projectile or, for those with more experience, a greased felt wad or a measured amount of cream of wheat filler followed by the ball, and then sometimes some grease on top of the ball. Then, when you have all 5 (or 6) chambers loaded in this manner, you affix a percussion cap to the nipple at the back of each chamber. Sound complicated? Once you do it, it becomes second nature and with just a little bit of practice can be done in just a minute or two.

The exhibition/demo match consisted of ten shots in 15 minutes with the first five shots preloaded before the fire command was given and the second five reloaded with the clock ticking. Once you load a few cylinders you'll see just how much time 15 minutes is. No need to rush. Take your time, methodically reload each chamber, cap each chamber, and then fire away.

All of the revolvers used were replicas and all were reasonably accurate out of the box. By that we mean that with uniform and consistent loads they will easily group in the bullseye of a pistol target at 25 yards assuming the point of impact (POI) is the same as the point of aim (POA). Many cap & ball revolver shooters simply use Kentucky windage – sometimes with a small off center aiming mark on the target to compensate for any inconsistencies between POI and POA. Other shooters will find ways to adjust the sights to further this end. Even though the sights on these revolvers are, with the exception of target models, fixed, there are tweaks and modifications that can be done to avoid the need for Kentucky windage.

We are planning to hold another exhibition/demo match with instruction on Sunday, June 22 on the next **Sanctioned Weekend (June 21/22)** in order to drag even more of these

Black Powder, continued on Page 5.

IDPA

We were thankful for another month without hazardous ground conditions. There were five matches in May including a three-gun IDPA-style match and a "Federal Entrance Exam" match featuring simulations of the pistol qualification course from three U.S. Government agencies.

Our IDPA shooters frequently compete in matches throughout Maryland and in other states. This month a large contingent of IDPA shooters from AAF&G competed in the Maryland State IDPA Championship at Sanners Lake and the Blackwater Shoot House Shoot Out in North Carolina. Team members who placed well include:

2014 MD State IDPA Championship - May 3rd

- CDP Expert - 1st Place • **Marlon Barroca**
- CDP Marksman – 1st Place • **Robert Shatrowsky**
Rob got a bump to SSP/SS
- ESP Sharpshooter – 1st Place • **Cindi Thomas**
Cindi got a bump to ESP/EX
- SSP Marksman – 1st Place • **Cody Claxton**
Cody got a bump to SSP/SS



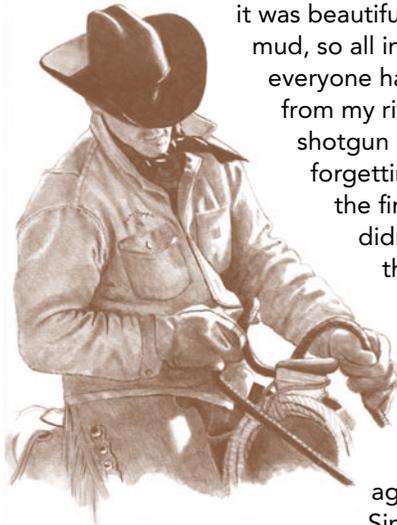
Blackwater Shoot House Shoot Out - May 10th

- Al Monch - SSP/SS 2nd Place
- Scott Willard - SSP/EX 1st Place
Scott got a well-deserved bump to SSP Master
- Darryl Swiggett - ESP/SS 1st Place!

Shoot safely,

Bill Osborne

COWBOY ACTION



Malfunction Junction should have been the name for this shoot, but it was beautiful weather and hardly any mud, so all in all, a great day! Almost everyone had some sort of problem, from my rifle jamming and shotgun breaking to **Killer Miller** forgetting to take his pistols to the firing line. **Durango Dude** didn't have any misses in the four stages, but he had three procedural. **Wannabe Bill** and **Wichita Wayne** came the closest with two misses. **Wichita Wayne** once again took the top honors. Since not everyone shot Stage 5, it was not counted in the total score, but the results

of those who did fire are as follows: Wichita Wayne - 27.86, Durango Dude - 48.95, Buffalo Creek Bob - 53.94, Tombstone Ted - 54.38, MT DeBanks - 41.13, El Cid-58.98, Robin DeBanks- 61.49, Wannabe Bill - 61.57, Killer Miller- 66.31, Millcreek Mona-79.85.

Reminder: next month's shoot on 6/21 will be on a sanctioned weekend and Guy says he has some surprises for us, with one being a reload stage. Bring some extra ammo! Also, new fees are \$7.00 for members and \$12.00 for guests.

Happy Trails,

Millcreek Mona

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fine handguns out of your gun rooms. We know you've got 'em...we've heard you talking about how you'd like to be able to shoot them...well, now's the time. With a little bit of time and effort, these handguns can shoot as accurately as modern handguns. They just make a little more smoke and require a touch more cleaning, but nothing that a bit of warm soapy water can't accomplish.

We had a good time, made much smoke, and may have brought a few C&B revolver shooters into the fold. For those with single shot muzzleloading pistols, we can even help you shoot those as well. Hope to see some of you out there on June 22!

Bill Palk & Guy Bellanca

Rank	Name	Time
1	Wichita Wayne	113.71
2	Durango Dude	168.01
3	MT DeBanks	190.31
4	Bottoms up Bruce	213.56
5	El Cid	217.28
6	Robin DeBanks	219
7	Wanta be Bill	222.49
8	Sam Killer Miller	235.02
9	Tombstone Ted	247.02
10	Buffalo Creek Bob	260.32
11	Cuss'n Kate	262.94
12	Lt. Romaine	266.21
13	Millcreek Mona	303.06



Rimfire Action

We are into the spring Sanctioned Weekend months so we have been rescheduling our Rimfire Action Shoots to accommodate centerfire events when they fall on the 4th Sunday. But this has not dampened the enthusiasm as we had 29 shooters at our rescheduled April match. Along those lines, we will be holding 2 Rimfire Action Shoots in June. The first one will be Sunday June 8th. This will be another match geared towards newer shooters with a fairly basic course of fire. The second match will be Sunday, June 29th, again rescheduled due to the Sanctioned Weekend on June 21 – 22.

Our May 25th match will be history by the time this is published and the results will be sent out on the AAGF RAS gmail list and posted on the website.

SHOOT SAFE...HAVE FUN

Guy Bellanca



Bullseye Pistol

Trying Bullseye?

So maybe you are a provisional member and you need a pistol sign-off. Or maybe you have seen a Bullseye match and wonder what it would be like to shoot one. Or maybe you would like to learn how to shoot a pistol very accurately. All of these are great reasons to come to a training session. Training is every Tuesday at 10 AM – be at the Bullseye range at 9:30.

What to bring with you besides ears and eyes? You need a gun. Let's visit that topic.

The trusty 9mm, .40, .45 or .357 you feel so comfortable with is probably not the best gun to enjoy Bullseye for the first time. The reason is that there is much to learn – sight alignment, trigger control, commands, format, etc. Adding recoil management to the list is too much for mere mortals and the result can be disappointment. That is no fun, and Bullseye should be fun. Start easy and build the caliber as skill grows.

A better choice is to use a .22 target pistol. Any .22 with a four to six inch barrel, adjustable sights, and a decent trigger will do. If you don't own one, borrow one. If that is a problem, get in touch with us – maybe we can help. Perhaps you know someone who shoots Bullseye?

Once you get to the range, introduce yourself to the folks who are there. They are a friendly bunch and generally eager to help. Be prepared to discuss Bullseye shooting fundamentals, hardware, politics, finance, jokes, or anything else imaginable. Oh yes – bring \$2 in exact change for range fees.

Interested? Get in touch with Paul Striffler <pjstriff@gmail.com> or Mike McGrath <mm909@comcast.net>

AAF&G NRA 1800 Tournament 5-17-14

What a great Tournament! Fantastic weather, a full line, good fellowship, and some fine shooting. For all the competitors that attended, thank you for your support of the Anne Arundel Fish and Game bullseye pistol program.

The Tournament winner was High Master **Joe Chang** (1750-86). Master champ was **Brent Obenour** (1702-58). Overall AAF&G high was **Ed Grove** (1700-55). Our **Fran Filippelli** took Expert (1693-41). The highest AAF&G Sharpshooter was **Mark Spaulding** (1605-3), and the highest AAF&G Marksman was **Ron Sweet** (1604-32). Congratulations to all.

We still have open positions for the **June 14th NRA Service Pistol Regional Championship**, which will include a CMP EIC Match and a NRA DR Match; and the **June 21st NRA Registered 1800**. If you have not done so already, let Paul Striffler (pjstriff@gmail.com) know by email if you would like a shooting position reserved.



NRA AAF&G Pistol Match 5-17-14



PRAIRIE DOG HUNTERS ARE THE GOOD GUYS

The last time I went West to hunt prairie dogs was about ten years ago. Back then, finding prairie dog towns was simple, but time and fuel consuming – just ride around the countryside looking for them. For my upcoming hunt this June, I created a new technique (I hope it works). I have spent a bit of time scanning overhead photos in my chosen hunting area – the southwest corner of North Dakota. Bing Maps has a high enough photo-quality to pull this off. Google Maps does not. I have found the latitude/longitude of around fifty prairie dog towns, although these photos can be several years old so some may no longer exist due to

floods or poison from the farmers. Hunters never do more than substantially reduce the number of dogs in a particular town.

I found that the prairie dog towns are predominately found on flat farm land rather than in the hilly areas. These towns are found on very small (ND small, not MD small) non-farmable plots that are surrounded by crops. **This town geography tends to verify the claim that prairie dog hunting helps sustain the overall number of U.S. prairie dogs.** Hunting tends to stabilize the number of dogs on these small plots. Without hunting, towns would experience a population increase and the town would spread out onto the next-door crop land. Which, in turn, would likely result in the farmer poisoning the entire town out of existence.

Bob Jennette

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

More Provisional Members Accepted as Full Members

The May Board and General Membership meetings saw seven more provisional members gain full membership.

Andrew BURT, Peter CRAIG, Keith RICHARDSON, Pat ZALESKI, John CHEW, David AULD, and Scott BASS

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 Drew, Peter, Keith, Pat, John, David, and Scott! We hope you have many safe, enjoyable, and successful years shooting with us.

Provisional Members – Gun School

We had 13 Provisional

Members attend the Gun School class on

May 4th. Many thanks to **Rebecca Newton** and **Jim DiCanio** who came out to teach the class. The next scheduled Gun School is set for Sunday, August 3rd at noon. Class generally runs until 4pm. If you are a provisional member and wish to register for the Gun School class in August, please send me an e-mail at bambam612@comcast.net. I 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 walkthrough, and have been issued your provisional membership card. Please do not show up for Gun School unless you receive a registration confirmation from me.

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 the Gun School class on August 3rd and cannot attend, that you notify me by e-mail so that I can place someone from the waiting list into the August class. Otherwise, those on the waiting list will be given priority placement in the next Gun School class, scheduled for November 2014.

Guy Bellanca

AAF&G Welcomes Five New Provisional Members

Five new provisional member applications were proposed to and approved for acceptance as members by the Board and the General Membership at the May 2014 Board and General Membership meetings.

The new provisional members are:

Andrew BLISCHAK

Isaac KIDD III

Brian TOEVS

Alfred RICHMOND

Sidney LEVY

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. Be a mensch!

New Applicant(s) Posting

The following individual(s) have applied for membership in AAF&G. The names below are posted in the clubhouse for 30 days beginning May 25th, 2014.

Quintin T. BEKKEN, Pasadena
Sponsored by Dermott Hickey

Christopher P. BELL, Annapolis
Sponsored by Chip Shreeve

Shane M. CLARK, Annapolis
Sponsored by John Howell

Scott D. ROBERTSON, Arnold
Sponsored by Charley Beck

Timothy M. TOBIAS, Annapolis
Sponsored by John Boris

If you have any comments, favorable or unfavorable, regarding any of these applicants, please advise Bill Palk by email at wpalk@verizon.net.

DEADLINE FOR JULY SCORE MATERIALS IS JUNE 23RD.

**Send material to David Hickey
at aafg.score@gmail.com**



Eccles Range

Club Matches

The next Service Rifle/MSR/Rifle subject to the FSA of 2013 (except M1A) match – June 7th from 1000 to 1200.

The next Vintage Military Rifle Match – June 14th from 1000 to 1200 and will be for Semi-auto Rifles.

New High Power Rifle Match shooters should consider arriving NLT 0930 in order to familiarize themselves with the course of fire and get guidance in use of the sling. A 5 minute sighting-in period will precede the slow-fire prone, rapid-fire standing-to-prone, and slow-fire offhand stages. For details on high power rifle match requirements, please visit the web page at <http://aafg.org/events.html>.

The next Rimfire Sporter Match will be held on Saturday, June 14th at 1300. We're hoping those who are already on the range for the Vintage Military Rifle match will bring a .22 rifle under 7.5 pounds and participate in the Rimfire Sporter match. Many thanks to Fred Fare for volunteering to run these matches for us.

Scores from current and most preceding Eccles Range rifle matches can be found on the AAFG Forum (see *Upcoming AAFG Events on the Home Page to enter*).

Away Matches

The Eastern CMP Games were held at Camp Butner, NC from May 2 through May 6 and featured matches for M1 Garand, M1903/1903A3 Springfield, other Vintage Military Rifles-US and foreign, M1 Carbine, and Vintage Sniper Rifles. Five AAFG members competed there and by all accounts the group acquitted itself very well, bringing back at least ten medals – one silver and 9 bronze and possibly more since we couldn't stick around for the award ceremonies that followed some of the matches. Had there not been some firearm mechanical malfunctions (Aargh!), some of the scores would have been higher and more medals taken home. Photos of the matches and the award ceremonies can be found at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>. Scores from the matches can be found here: <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&tab=results&match=10825>

Changes for 2014

(This was published in the March issue of the SCORE but it's repeated here for those who may not have seen it then). If you read the February SCORE you probably noticed an article about the revenue committee and ways to increase the club's "rainy day fund". One way to raise some funds is to mine our earthen backstops for spent projectiles and then recycling them for \$\$\$\$. This was done for the Bullseye pistol range years ago and it's time to do it again. In addition to being an environmentally sound policy, mining and recycling may be able to provide some welcome revenue depending on the amount recovered. We anticipate that this Spring this program

will begin and a contractor will begin mining all the range backstops including on the Eccles Range. Obviously the range will have to be shut down temporarily while this procedure is ongoing. We will try to provide as much notice as we can via the SCORE, notice on the bulletin board and in the pavilion, and hopefully on the website so you can plan your shooting activities accordingly. Similarly, when the workers are on site to replace the shot curtain fabric, the range will have to be shut down while they are working on the curtain. This will probably take place before the mining operation.

Having now set the stage to discuss range mining, for the future we'll need to develop a process by which we can determine when it would be appropriate and cost effective to mine the backstop again. While we can come up with reasonably accurate estimates of what is put into the backstop a result of our matches, we will still need to account for what our non-match shooters deposit into the backstop. Accordingly, we will make available at the Eccles Range pavilion a log sheet wherein we would ask that all shooters log the number and caliber of rounds they fire at each shooting session. You need not record your name or firearm info, just how many rounds and what caliber. If you know the weight of the bullets you have fired, you can enter that as well. If you don't, we'll estimate the weight based on caliber. We hope you won't find this process too onerous or burdensome. Having accurate figures will better enable us to schedule future mining operations in the out years.

We also anticipate having some more work parties this spring and summer, both to spruce up the range and to repair some deteriorated areas as well as upgrade others. We'll let you know when we have a work party scheduled by email blast as well as notices on the range and bulletin board. Work parties that would entail closing the range would typically be scheduled for a Saturday afternoon or a Sunday in order to minimize interruptions.

Shoot Straight and Shoot Safely.

Bill Palk

Chair, Eccles Range Committee

President, from Page 1.

am sure I will forget somebody's name and I would feel bad. However, **Warren Isaac** and **Bob Yurwitz** are two of the key players! Without their efforts the new curtain would not have happened. I am sure there are names I have forgotten to mention and I do apologize. We can't thank you enough for the effort you have put into making it happen. Without you we would not be shooting trap this year!

This is my last year as president of AAF&G. You will begin to notice that as the days grow longer my column will grow shorter.

Enjoy and be safe,

Steve Lowe