

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 extend greetings to all of you. I guess the big news here is that we have a patch of grass showing through on our front yard! We measured right at four feet of snow in our driveway during the recent snowstorm. We live at the end of a rather long road that is definitely at the bottom of the county's priority list. With the snow on Monday, we did not see a county plow until Thursday. The good news is that we didn't lose power, and we had plenty of food, wine, and movies. The bad news is that the snow played hell with my February travel plans, and I was here and under foot a lot more than usual. The true test of a relationship is how long you can survive being shut-in together. I'm more than positive that there were a few of our members' wives that were at the end of their patience before it was all said and done. I could name names, of course, but that wouldn't be sporting, so I'll leave the identities of these august personages to your imagination.

It shouldn't come as a surprise, but from what I was hearing it must have been to some, that Dermott, Jim, and I closed the ranges due to the impassability of the roads and sheer dearth of snow on the ranges themselves. It may amuse many of you to know

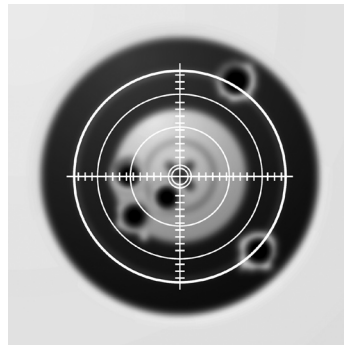
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NEW APPLICANT POSTING

The following individuals have applied for membership in AAF&G. If you have any comments, favorable or unfavorable, regarding any of these applicants, please advise Meg Clarke by phone (443-904-5023) or by e-mail (marston.clarke@verizon.net).

Ross Henry, Annapolis 21403 - Sponsored by Steve Love
Thomas Milan, Annapolis 21403 - Sponsored by Steven Renz
Richard Ruffing, Annapolis 21403 - Sponsored by Tim Palmer
James Vanghel, Pasadena 21122 - Sponsored by Jim Palmer
Glenn Baer, Annapolis 21409 - Sponsored by Albert Holt

This was posted in the clubhouse on February 19, 2010. Names will remain posted for a minimum of 30 days.



ECCLES RIFLE RANGE

By the time you read this I sincerely hope that we will have been able to clear the snow and ice from the range parking area and access road. Recall that last month I commented on how the weather was relatively pleasant and possibly a harbinger of warmer times to come. Hmmmm, guess I shouldn't have said that. Since no one has yet been able to shoot the Punxatawney rodent, he saw his shadow and as

a result we've now got a couple of feet of snow covered with ice on the access road and parking area.

Who knows, by the time you read this the Eccles Range may still be accessible only by foot traffic; once we clear a footpath down there we may be able to then clear some paths down to the target lines but it may be necessary to use the deep crusted snow for holding the target frames up since finding the implanted tubes and clearing them of snow and ice may be impractical until there's a better and prolonged thaw. Until that time, I suggest our shooters profitably spend their time with their reloading gear or by attending the gun shows that are numerous this time of year. Well, the reloading at least may be profitable; attending gun shows does not seem to be profitable for me.

Shoot safely!

Bill Palk

Chairman

Eccles Rifle Range Committee

OFFICERS

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Joe Medell (3)	Jim Tisack (3)

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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!

BULLSEYE PISTOL REPORT

In the last issue of the *SCORE* the accomplishments of the AAF&G Bullseye Pistol Program and the club bullseye pistol shooters for 2009 were highlighted. In this issue how the program is managed, what the 2010 Action Items are, and how you can be more involved will be outlined. The program has been very successful the last ten years because many members are involved with keeping it that way.

Each year starts with the Bullseye Pistol Planning Committee Meeting. This is the only meeting held for the year and establishes the shooting schedule and the action items for the year. The Action Items List is divided into six categories which are each guided by one or more AAF&G member coordinators. This year's meeting was held January 13 and had 16 attendees. Those who contributed to the meeting's success included: Meg Clark, Gordon Davids, Erick Graves, Dermott Hickey, John Hollingshead, Mike McGrath, Ken Mitchell, John Morrison, Steve Peters, Steve Rogers, Paul Striffler, Garry Wagner, Dennis Walls, Jack Walsh, Rick Weidmann, and Steve Yelton. The updated 2010 Action Item List, provided below, outlines what was accomplished at the meeting and what is planned for this Year:

Bullseye Pistol Leagues: Gordon Davids, Mike McGrath, Gary Wagner

- Qualified League Chief Range Officers (CROs) are: Larry Benton, Brian Davids, Gordon Davids, Erick Graves, Ed Grove, Dermott Hickey, Hank Holder, John Hollingshead, Mike McGrath, Bob Meck, Steve Peters, Paul Striffler, Dennis Walls, Jack Walsh, and Steve Yelton.
- The league: of two relays starting at 12:00pm on Thursday – lead CRO Paul Striffler, two relays starting at 9:00am on Saturday – lead CRO Dennis Walls, and one relay starting at 9:30am on Sunday – Lead CRO Gordon Davids.
- Air pistol league 1st and 3d Thursday - lead CRO Gary Wagner, switching to a different, or more, dates is a possibility if there is interest.

Army "L" Target Tournaments: Will and Erick Graves

- The monthly Army "L" Target 1800 Tournament will continue to be held on the last Saturday of the month, unless rescheduled by e-mail.

NRA Conventional Pistol Tournaments: John Hollingshead, Erick Graves, Paul Striffler

- Eight shooters will fire the Abbottstown NRA Indoor Sectional, 2-27-10. AAF&G will sponsor two four man teams.
- Six shooters are signed up for the National Championship at Camp Perry 12-18 July. AAF&G will sponsor a four man team and a two man team.

- The six shooters will also compete in the Canton McKinley Regional in Canton Ohio, on July 9-11. One AAF&G team will be squadded.
- There is still room for additional Camp Perry shooters in the reserved Port Clinton condos. Contact John Hollingshead if you are interested.
- Qualified Tournament CROs are: Brian Davids, Gordon Davids, Erick Graves, Ed Grave, Hank Holder, John Hollingshead, Steve Peters, and Paul Striffler. Next in line for qualification are: Larry Benton, Mike McGrath, and Jack Walsh.
- 2010 NRA Registered 2700s approved by the board and sent to the NRA for approval will be held: April 17, May 15, June 19, Sept. 11, and Oct. 9.
- 2010 Second Annual NRA Regional Service Pistol Championship is scheduled for Nov. 6.
- New for 2010 will be two Saturday NRA Approved 1800 Tournaments. They will be held May 22 and June 5.
- Also New for 2010 is a Saturday NRA Regional 1800 Revolver Championship, scheduled for August 22.

Range General Maintenance: Dermott Hickey

- Bullet holes in baffles posts need repair - some repaired, ongoing requirement
- Firing line shooting bench and roof supports and require painting before the new tournament season.
- Many .25yd frames require welding repairs and all 25yd and 50yd frames require painting.
- Build up walkways to the firing line with gravel/ crushed rock - partial complete.
- Elevated and ground baffles, and range side walls need to be patched and painted.
- Clean up spent shell casing in front of the firing line - ongoing requirement.
- The weekday maintenance team will be coordinated by e-mail and work from 10:00 am on Wed. as needed.
- Major work parties to be held after the Saturday league this spring will be required several times.

Range Upgrade and Projects: Steve Yelton

- Elevated baffle posts require additional support in several areas. Material required has been identified and purchased.
- PA system has been wired from the target shack to three control positions. System needs some troubleshooting to correct grounding problems.
- Stair railing posts for the upper pistol shed stairs require installation.
- CRO line positions needs roof repair, and target and bench pad racks installed.
- Air pistol target frames require handles installed to assist in moving.
- Spring major work parties for maintenance, repair and upgrading will be coordinated by e-mail. A work list

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President, from Page 1.

that we had several ardent souls stridently clamoring to get on the ranges the very moment the county dug them out of their homes. Frankly, I was just a little surprised, but we were able to corral the enthusiasm and allow common sense to prevail. Once again, club member, Harry Redmon, owner of Childs Landscaping, was Harry-on-the-spot and plowed the drive and a few spaces on the parking lot so that we could gain access to the grounds and begin taking stock of the situation. Thank you Harry! The clubhouse was battened down nice and tight and William J. Palk has done a thorough survey of the building and has reported that all has remained shipshape and Bristol fashion. As of Saturday 2/27, Dermott has reopened the ranges with a limited use. By the time you read this, it may be overtaken by events, but in the spirit of keeping you all in the loop, I will pass along the details. The parking lot has been plowed to the far end of the trap trailer; the high power range has been plowed to a five-foot width to provide walking access to the range from the parking lot (there is no parking available at the high power range); the access road to the pistol complex has been plowed (with no parking available at present), and the circle by the clubhouse has been cleared, as well. I'll note that Rich Elliott cleared the ramp and entry areas for the clubhouse. Thanks Rich! Please be mindful of the snow giving way to muddy conditions, and watch your footing. Hopefully, in a week or so, the snow will have all melted away, and we can resume business as usual. I regretted cancelling February's General Meeting; we have so much to talk about, but as I'm sure you can understand, I was overruled by Mother Nature and was left with little choice in the matter.

If you are following my columns from one month to the next, many of you will be relieved to note that I have resupplied our larder with a large quantity of 12 gauge shells for both Jen and me and a mixed bag of the lesser gauges for my small gauge shooting.

Please be advised that if you are reading this and have not paid your dues, you are late and will have had your proximity card deactivated. The road back from perdition is through our new membership process, which you can read all about at www.aafg.org. On another note, the annual assessment of \$50 is due by 3/31. You should have received a bill/reminder about this in mid January. Please make your check payable to AAF&G, and post it to our P.O. box by 3/31 to avoid any unnecessary drama.

Work on the proximity reader for the clubhouse door is all but complete, and unfortunately, was stalled due to the impassability of club grounds. Board member, Steve Love, who is heading up this project, assures me that it will be complete by the vernal equinox. Work continues, and progress is being made on the other legacy projects. We will continue to ardently hammer away at these until they have been completed. The newly-formed Interview

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and equipment needs will be emailed prior to the work parties.

Bullseye Education and Training: Paul Striffler, John Hollingshead

- Tuesday 10:00am to 12:00pm range training sessions will continue – Dennis Walls, Ed Grove, or Paul Striffler will coordinate.
- The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association bullseye pistol clinic will be conducted at AAF&G March 20 and 21 utilizing the clubhouse and the range. Volunteers will be required to assist students on the firing line.
- A coordinator is needed to update and maintain the BE Pistol portion of the AAF&G website.

Now if you actually read the list above you can see there are many ways to be involved with the AAF&G Bullseye Pistol Program. If you have any special skills that will fit in the action items - we need you, if you have any ideas about new BE pistol events we can sponsor - we need you, and if you have any desire to shoot or learn about bullseye pistol shooting – you can use us! Getting involved is simple just come down to the range during one of the leagues, training events, or tournaments and introduce yourself. Even better, let me know by e-mail what you are interested in, and I will put you in my respective mailing list and keep you informed on what is happening. Let 2010 be the year you finally do what you have been thinking about and get into bullseye pistol shooting –you will be glad you did!

Paul Striffler
pjstriff@cablespeed.com

& Investigation (I&I) Committee (and yes, I know that to some of us who have served our beloved Uncle Sam overseas, that acronym has a much more interesting meaning), has met and interviewed two prospective members. By all accounts, this went swimmingly, and our two “beta testers” will wend their way through the process to (we hope) a fortuitous conclusion. The I&I Committee is under the capable stewardship of club stalwart and Membership Chairperson M.M. Clarke. It is comprised of eight members that represent a good cross section of our Association.

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

David Cloutier

ABBOTTSTOWN SECTIONAL BULLS EYE PISTOL MATCH

Saturday, February 27 in Abbottstown, PA



We went as two teams representing AAF&G. Old Gold team consisted of (l-r) Erick Graves, Mike McGraph, Jack Walsh, & Brian Davids.



Our Silver team consisted of Dermott Hickey, David Hickey, Gordon Davids, and Brian Davids.

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

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 e-mail me at andrea@chesmill.com (preferred) or call during the day at 410-260-1009.

Good Luck AAF&G Junior Rifle Team! Team members' Michael Kurtis, Nathan Moy, Zack Anna and Ben Wastler have back-to-back matches on February 27 and March 6. The first match is a Junior Sectional at the USNA and then off to New Freedom, PA for a 3-Position match.

Overview of the Junior Rifle Club

The Junior Rifle Club is sponsored and conducted by the Anne Arundel Fish & Game Association. This club is a National Rifle Association Club. Firing is conducted under the rules of the NRA and the Army's Director of Civilian Marksmanship (CMP). The club leaders are NRA Certified Instructors/Coaches and enforce all proper precautions and range rules. Our purpose is to train young people to handle firearms safely and to become proficient in rifle marksmanship. The shooting season is year round and will be held if the temperature is at least 40 degrees and not storming at noon. The Jr. Rifle Program shooters practice from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. They work with the NRA Qualifications Program, which teaches them the four shooting positions and earn medals ranging from Pro-Marksman to Distinguished Expert. All required equipment (rifles, slings, ammo, shooting glasses and hearing protection) are supplied by the Jr. Rifle Program.

All potential shooters must take the Jr. Orientation Class offered normally the first Sunday in April, May, June September and October. The cost to join is \$5.00. Then each Sunday that they shoot, the cost is \$5.00. This covers ammo and targets. Joining the Junior Rifle Program entitles you to shoot on Sunday on the smallbore range. Parents do not have to be members of AAF&G for the kids to shoot with the program but are encouraged to join if they're interested in shooting. The age limit is 11 to 18 and is open to both boys and girls.

If you're selected for the Advanced Team, they practice from 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Sundays with Andrea Miller, Brad Kurtis and Randy Moy. The Advance Team travels to various matches throughout the year in VA, MD, PA, and OH.

Andrea Miller

Chairman, Jr. Rifle Program

Announcing the AAF&G Fishing and Shooting Flea Market

On April 24th, we will have a
Sporting Goods Flea Market
at AAF&G from 9AM to 3PM.

This is the time to *bring the stuff you never use* and sell or trade it to someone else. There will be rifles, reloading gear, powder, bullets, hunting clothes, bows and arrows, fishing rods, fishing tackle, boating gear and who knows what else.

Spots will cost \$10 each and inside tables will be given out on a first-come first-serve basis. Weather permitting, the outside grass area will also be available but you will need to bring your own table or blanket. The money will go to the club to help support the juniors.

We need your participation to make this work!

Club Members interested in being a “seller”, send a check for \$10 to John Michelli, 3300 Blackberry Lane, Davidsonville, 21035.

If we get more sellers than the club has tables, we may ask folks to supply their own.

If you want more info, call John Michelli at 410-798-8444 or email at johnandnanc182@yahoo.com.

Come out and support your club!!

MARCH 11th: the future of GUNS and GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION in Maryland

Yes, once again some misguided elected representatives who most likely couldn't tell you the difference between a muzzle and the breech let alone accurately define a true assault weapon think they have a solution for crime and you will be the fall guy. Yes, the proposed bill to ban Assault Weapons in Maryland was withdrawn by the sponsor. However, the smart money feels that this was done so as not to dilute the efforts of Delegate Samuel Rosenberg and Senator Brian Frosh who have each sponsored an identical bill entitled the Firearms Safety Act of 2010 in their respective committees (House Judiciary Committee and Senate Judicial Affairs Committee).

Mark your calendars: We need an ALL HANDS turn out in Annapolis for "Gun Day" hearings on MARCH 11th! Those that would disarm us have changed strategy this year, and are holding both Senate AND House hearings on the gun bills on the SAME day.

This is being done in an effort to divide and conquer, and minimize the usual effect that our presence has, when large numbers of us show up. So, it is ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL that we have hundreds of people turn out for these hearings, as we'll have to divide up to attend both. Our failure to muster enough people at the hearings will have potentially catastrophic ramifications if the legislators pass the Firearms Safety Act of 2010 out of committee (HB 820 & SB 645). Check out these websites for detailed info on these bills: <http://www.associatedgunclubs.org/legislative.html> and <http://www.marylandshallissue.org/index.php?categoryid=29>.

Please contact the House Judiciary Committee and Senate Judicial Affairs Committee members to politely express your opposition to these bills. It is best to **time our emails and phone calls to correspond to the week**

of the hearing, for maximum effect. The *Maryland Shall Issue* website that follows provides info for quick and easy emails and phone calls: <http://www.marylandshallissue.org/index.php?categoryid=29>.

Remember, our failure to stop these bills **will result in our being licensed, fingerprinted, registered with the states for simply exercising our Constitutional rights.** So, please put **Thursday, March 11th** on your calendar and support the right to engage in your sport! The websites noted above provide info on parking, where the hearing rooms are located, and the hearing process.

March 11th Partial Hearing Schedule House Judiciary Committee

- HB 683 • Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Repeal of Finding Requirement (**STRONGLY SUPPORT**)
- HB 820 • Firearm Safety Act of 2010 (**STRONGLY OPPOSE**)
- HB 893 • Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Victims of Domestic Violence (**SUPPORT**)
- HB 905 • Criminal Law - Prohibitions on Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms - Exceptions (**SUPPORT**)

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

- SB 167 • Regulated Firearms - Application for Dealer's License - Record-Keeping and Reporting (**OPPOSE**)
- SB 191 • Weapon-Free Higher Education Zones (**STRONGLY OPPOSE**)
- SB 645 • Firearm Safety Act of 2010 (**STRONGLY OPPOSE**)

Note: Maryland Public Television will be taping the Senate hearing for broadcast so please, dress appropriately... business or business casual attire...NO CAMOUFLAGE please. The supporters of these bills already think of gun owners as ignorant yahoos. Let's try to negate this stereotype.

2010 Coming Gun Shows

March 21st & 22nd

Timonium

Maryland Arms Collectors Assn Baltimore Show

Pikesville

Collectible Arms and Militaria Show & Sale

Harrisburg, PA

Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors 1200 tables

Farm Show Complex

April 3rd

Silverado Gun Show, Frederick,

1 day only (Easter Weekend)

April 23rd, 24th & 25th

Nation's Gun Show, Chantilly

April 30th & May 1st & 2nd

APPALACHIAN PROMOTIONS & SAR

Gun & Machine Gun Show

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June 12th & 13th

MAAC Harrisburg, Farm Show Complex

June 19th & 20th

Appalachian Promotions - Timonium Fair Grounds

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Pot Luck Dinner
March 11th
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*Bring your favorite
dish to share!*

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.