President’s Corner

By the time you read this article we will be half way through the winter months. With the Sun getting higher everyday and the days getting longer it will be good to see winter in the rear view mirror. Everything with the club is doing fine as we are in the slow months and not much is happening. We are still looking for property and hope to run into something soon that would work for our club. Don’t forget renewal time is fast approaching so make sure your dues are paid by the March membership meeting to avoid a late fee. See you at the next meeting.

Peter Buckingham, President, SCSC

Points of Interest to Members

DEATH OF MEMBER

We are saddened to report the death of our long time member, Sonny Cochran, Jr., who passed away on January 7. Sonny joined SCSC in 1970 and was a founding member. He and his two sons helped build our range. Sonny served as Publicity Director in 1979, Huntsmaster in 1980, and Second Vice President in 1981. He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia, and two sons. He retired from the Metropolitan Police Department as a Lieutenant in 1985. Sonny was a kind and gentle man, an asset to his community and this organization. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Elections for club officers are held at the Annual Membership Meeting on April 7, 2010. Frank Fruh is the chairman of the newly created Nominations Committee, formed to help facilitate the annual elections. All regular members of SCSC are eligible to hold office. Members interested in running can contact ANY committee member: Frank Fruh, 301-645-5536, fruh@comcast.net; Randal Browning, 301-641-8583, rebrowning@aol.com, Marlene Smith, 301-523-0973, jo3smi@msn.com; or Russ Levin, 301-843-8622, russlevin@hotmail.com.

HUNTER SAFETY

Schedule of Classes for 2010. Further details will be forthcoming.

| March 30, 31, April 1, April 3 – SCSC | August 29 – Bow class – Indian Head |
| March 30, 31, April 1, April 4 – Indian Head | September 12 – Bow Class – Indian Head |
| April 10 or 11 – Internet Field Day – Metro Gun Club | September 13, 14, 15, 16 – Southern MD Coon Hunters |
| May 30 – Bow class – Indian Head | September 21, 22, 23, 25 – La Plata FD or Waldorf Jaycees |
| July 12, 13, 14, 15 – Southern MD Coon Hunters | October 4, 5, 6, 7 – Southern MD Coon Hunters |
| August 9, 10, 11, 12 – Southern MD Coon Hunters | October 10 – Internet Field Day – Indian Head |
| August 10, 11, 12, 14 – Bow class – TBD (Waldorf area) | October 24 – Internet Field Day – Metro Gun Club |
| August 17, 18, 19, 21 – SCSC | October 26, 27, 28, 31 – Southern MD Coon Hunters |
| August 24, 25, 26, 28 – La Plata FD or Waldorf Jaycees | November 22, 23, 24, 28 – Indian Head |

SCSC LOGO LICENSE PLATES

Some of you may have seen the special (SCSC LOGO) MD license plates available to its members. As the Membership chairman, I have now been granted permission by the MVA to authorize the purchase of these special tags. There is a form to be completed, signed by me then mailed/or taken to the Glen Burnie MVA office along with a check for $25. Plate numbers may only be issued in the sequence as printed (you may not request specific numbers). Please contact me should you like one of these plates: Dave George, 301-645-4615, dc_george@comcast.net.

OUTDOOR RANGE CLOSURES

We are attempting to notify members as soon as we get a range closure request from ACPT, the outdoor range landowner. Requests for closure are due to survey work behind and around the range property. Please send your email address to Dave George, Membership Chairman, at dc_george@comcast.net. Range closures will be posted on the web site, stcharlessc.com, so check there before going to the range or call the range office at 301-645-1148. Signs will also be posted at the range.
St. Charles Sportsman’s Club
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The meeting was called to order by President Peter Buckingham at 8 p.m. Jack Pitzer offered the invocation. Scouts of Troop 424 presented the colors and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Goodwin, Second Vice President, Tony Barnett, Treasurer, and James Bird, Publicity, were absent. 64 members and guests were present, 39 signed the roster.

President: Peter Buckingham introduced Katie Smith who sang a lovely song to honor her uncle, John Smith, who was celebrating his 70th birthday. Congratulations to John and to Katie for her excellent voice.

Peter Buckingham reported that two of the county commissioners, Edith Patterson and Wayne Cooper visited the indoor range to shoot with us and had an enjoyable time. The other commissioners are scheduling a visit also. Edith Patterson may come to the Ladies’ Night. Firearms deer season will end this weekend, bow hunter season continues. Publicity Chairman, James Bird, lost his father last week. Mr. Bird is a war hero from WWII. The memorial service will be Sunday in New Jersey. The club will make a donation to the USO in his honor.

Secretary: A motion was offered to accept the December 2, 2009, membership minutes as printed in the Recoil. The motion was seconded. Randal Browning indicated that statements regarding dues increases and potential payments were left out of the minutes as well as information on the membership drive. These items will be inserted in the official version. After this correction, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer: In the absence of Tony Barnett, copies of the SCSC income and expense report and Middleton Hall Monthly Financial report were provided for membership review.

Huntsmaster: Jim Pollock reported that he needed harvest information from members by February 17. Details of the information needed are printed in the Recoil.

Ways and Means: John Fitch reported that 50/50 tickets are being sold and he has shirts and hats for sale. He asked if members wanted to attend the Harrisburg sport show. He received a response from Murray Levy offering his assistance. He reminded members that we need to speak with the legislators and commissioners whenever we see them.

Conservation: Phil Lang reported he will mow the Pomfret field before turkey season so the turkeys can get out into the open. ACPT was provided with a new map showing current hunting property which involves removing the high school and stadium property. The map is on the web site in the member’s only section.

HUNTER SAFETY: Marlene Smith reported a meeting has been called for chief instructors on January 19 to plan classes for 2010. Class listings will be published in the February Recoil.


Committee Reports

Firearms Safety Training: Lito Ignacio reminded members of the high power rifle clinic to be held on February 7. Send an email if you are interested. He also reminded members of the NRA basic rifle course on March 12 and 13.

Grounds: Roger Hall reported we need to erect a gate on Piney Church Road at the asphalt plant. Trash is being dumped there and we must maintain our obligation to ACPT under our lease to keep the property clean. If we don’t install a gate, the county will. Help is needed to complete this project. Call or email him if you can assist with digging post holes and erecting the gate.

Indoor Range: Jose Torres reported the rim fire match is half finished but members can still participate. Two county commissioners came to the indoor range and we discussed the versatility of the range, county use of the range and junior ROTC use. There will be a Ladies’ Night Wednesday, January 13. The sump pump needs repair and that is being scheduled.

Junior Rifle: Perrin Lewis reported that he had 10 kids last Sunday. The session lasted 5 hours. The next meeting will be February 7 at 1 p.m. at the indoor range. Help is needed.

Legislative: Gus Steinhilber reported he sent letters to the state legislators regarding right to carry and the castle doctrine. He then presented potential member, Keith Tregoning, sponsored by Kevin Zager, and returning member, Joseph Whittington, sponsored by James Pollock for approval. The gentlemen were asked to leave the room and a motion was made to accept them into membership. The motion was seconded and passed and the new members were welcomed into the club.

Range Closure: Charlie Embody reported he is talking with several companies who are interested in cleaning up the range. One firm came by today and their engineers will return next week. We are awaiting cost estimates and work involved from these firms. We are working with ACPT on their cleanup needs. We expect to close the range in early Fall, but the date will be determined by the extent of the work. Peter Buckingham stated that Charlie is doing an excellent job with this project.

Range Development: Phil Lang reported the committee is at a standstill until the lease is signed with ACPT. They required a new map of the hunting and range area and we provided that. The sale of their company was effective the week of Dec 28th and we are expecting to hear from the new owners.

A member asked if it were possible to purchase the new range property from ACPT. Peter Buckingham stated that ACPT had been approached about this but was not interested in selling any of its property. A member asked if we had approached the county about using some of their vacant land. Peter Buckingham said this is a good suggestion since we are now well known to the commissioners.
Scout Representative: Russ Levin reported that the scoutmaster Ed Teleky and his wife Heidi have stepped down and had done an excellent job of running the troop. He requested donations of camping gear to the scouts since there are many boys who want to join but don’t have money for the equipment. A new scoutmaster will be named soon.

Shotgun: Peter Buckingham reported sporting clays has been discontinued to avoid further potential issues. Trap and skeet will start again on March 7.

Wildlife: Marlene Smith reported January 8 and 9 are the last days for firearms deer season. The DNR website now allows online registration for hunting and fishing licenses. Waterfowl season dates are listed there as well. Maryland anglers now need to register with NOAH as it attempts to effectively manage the salt water fish population. Registration is free but required. Tree stand safety tips will be listed in the February Recoil. Cake will be served after the meeting to celebrate John’s 70th birthday.

Middleton Hall: Peter Buckingham reported we are in the winter slowdown. The World Wrestling Federation may be booking the hall and we will operate the snack bar. Maintenance is being kept up and we looking forward to a great Spring.

Unfinished Business: Frank Fruh reported the approval of the change to the bylaws which pertained to including military personnel in the family membership. The three special rules have been incorporated into the bylaws and the bylaw change will be published in the Recoil for membership review.

New Business: Peter Buckingham reported that a nominating committee will be created, chaired by Frank Fruh. This committee will facilitate the annual elections by canvassing the membership for interest in serving on the board. Volunteers were called for and Randal Browning, Russ Levin, and Marlene Smith offered to serve.

Jose Torres made a motion to procure $100 to purchase ammunition for the Ladies’ Night. After a second and discussion, the motion was approved.

Andy White made a motion to close the range for IPSC matches on the third Sunday of every month from March through range closure. The motion was seconded and will be printed in the Recoil for a vote at the February meeting.

Andy White stated he was contacted by Ray Aportadera to hold the Sheriff’s Department Pistol match as we have done in past years. He made a motion requesting a range closure for Friday May 8, starting at 4 p.m., Saturday May 9, and Sunday May 10. The Sheriff’s Department will put the request in writing for membership approval. After a second, the motion will be printed in the Recoil pending receipt of the written request. Note: Written request was received, vote will be taken at February membership meeting.

A member asked if updates on the old range closure and new range opening were available to the membership. Peter Buckingham stated that the committee chairmen are giving reports at each membership meeting which are being printed in the Recoil for member review.

Good and Welfare: A member asked how he can get into the member only section of the web site. Instructions were given.

A member suggested that rather than pay for storage of our equipment once the range is closed, that we donate the equipment to other gun clubs, then ask for the equipment back once we get our new range opened. Peter Buckingham said ACPT will allow us to store our trailers and equipment on the property until we have a new range set up.

Roger Hall stated that all the equipment on the outdoor range that is mobile will be moved. Anything that is not mobile will be burned. We have contacted the Charles County Fire Department to burn the structures as a training session. No equipment will be given away, everything will be stored for future use.

Charlie Embody stated that the firms who may clean up our current range want to work before the ground is frozen, so this means the outdoor range may close in mid-October, before the first frost. Peter Buckingham stated that range closure will not affect hunting.

Dave George reminded members that St. Charles Sportsman’s Club license plates are available for $25 from DMV. He is now the authorized representative for SCSC and has DMV forms available for his signature.

Frank Fruh informed the members of the upcoming Friends of the NRA dinner to be held at Middleton Hall on Saturday, March 6. Money spent at this event comes back to the community. Volunteers are needed to help on the committee and at the event. Door prize sponsors are needed as well.

The 50/50 of $51, was won by Jack Jackson. Allen Harper won the workers’ drawing for range development. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Elaine Costello, Secretary.

Synopsis of SCSC Board Meeting
January 20, 2010

- The statement of work from ACPT will be used to secure bids from the remediation firms.
- An announcement will be placed in the February Recoil asking members to volunteer for office. Any member of the committee can be contacted, Marlene Smith, Randal Browning, Russ Levin or Frank Fruh.

Treasurer’s Report
Tony Barnett

All committee chairs are reminded that funds collected as a result of committee activities are due monthly (or within 30 days of the event). Event paperwork must include a list of participants, their SCSC member number (or other affiliated club membership number), the amount paid, and the total income. The committee financial report must also include a detailed, itemized listing of all expenses, and must include receipts. All paperwork and collected funds must be turned in monthly, with the required supporting paperwork. Incomplete reports or reports without receipts will not be accepted, and reimbursement will not be paid without supporting paperwork. Committee chairs are reminded that their monthly expense reports for reimbursement cannot exceed $100 without approval by the membership or the Board, as appropriate.

SCSC Web Site
(www.STCharlesSC.com)
Tony Barnett

The annual club activities calendar can be viewed on our web site, stcharlessc.com. Contact Tony if you have any questions, comments or suggestions on our site. Members-only password
is: sccsmember. The club newsletter, Recoil, is available in the member section of the web site from January 2002 to present. The latest Recoil is generally posted to the web site about the same time that it goes to the printer. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to download, read, and print the Recoil.

Committee Reports

Firearms Safety Training
Lito Ignacio

I have six more slots for students to attend the NRA Basic Rifle Training Course scheduled 12-13 March 2010. The course deals with essential elements involving basic knowledge, skills and attitudes in owning and using a rifle safely. If you have never received formal rifle training, and wish to improve your marksmanship skills from the standing, bench, kneeling, sitting and prone positions, this is the course to attend. Training will be held Friday evening (3/12/2010), 6 pm-10:30 pm; and then Saturday (3/13/2010), 8 am-5 pm. Location is the Range Pavilion and Outdoor Range. Register on-line AND send e-mail (lito.ignacio@msn.com) by 3/10/2010. Enrolled students shall receive e-mail confirming slot. Other interested persons will be placed on waiting list. Students required to bring his/her own functioning rifle (either centerfire or rimfire; with scope, open/iron sights or peep sights; lever, semi-auto, falling block, bolt, or hinged action rifles (No full autos); 120 rounds live ammo; eye/hearing protection; warm clothing; dummy training rounds to fit one's rifle; rifle cleaning kit; snack/meal/water (No food or water available in range).

For those interested in pistol training, Jose Torres and other committee certified pistol instructors will have an NRA Basic Pistol Course (14-hours) beginning Friday, 9 April 2010 from 6 pm thru 10:30 pm with lecture and demonstration. The course will continue on Saturday, 10 April 2010 from 8 am thru 12 pm with live fire, and 1 pm thru 5 pm with lecture, and hands-on exercise. Cost will be $75 per student. Lecture and live fire portion will occur in the Club’s Indoor Firing Range. Maximum student size is 10. More details to follow.

Committee is still looking for Certified Instructors. Upcoming NRA Certified Instructor Training Courses are below:

- **NRA Instructor Personal Protection in The Home Course:** Centreville, 2/27/2010, pam.meara@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org.
- **Chief Range Safety Officer:** Alexandria, 2/28/2010, tony.moller@vagunsafety.com.
- **NRA Instructor Pistol Shooting Course:** Mariottsville, 3/6/2010, michael.bruzdzinski@bbspafe.com.
- **NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course:** Centreville, 3/24/2010, pam.meara@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org.
- **NRA Instructor Shotgun Shooting Course:** Centreville, 4/5/2010, jcree@tenable.net.
- **NRA Instructor Shot Gun Shooting Course:** Ashburn, 4/7/2010, pam.meara@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org.
- **NRA Instructor Pistol Shooting Course:** Ashburn, 4/17/2010, MarksmenMasters@gmail.com.

Tip of the Month: Sight Alignment

- When shooting with either scope or iron sights, one key marksmanship element to tightening your groups involve proper sight alignment.
- When using open sights with a front sight post or a bead front sight, correct sight alignment is when the front sight is centered in the rear sight notch, and the top of the front sight is even with the top of the rear sights. With aperture or peep sights, correct sight alignment is performed when the front sight ring or the top of the front sight post is centered in the rear sight aperture.

- When using optics, proper sight alignment is achieved by positioning your eye so that you can clearly see the entire field of view when looking through the scope. A common mistake for rifle scope mounting is failing to check this alignment before securing the scope into the scope rings. One way to check is to comfortably mount an unloaded rifle from the bench rest position. Wait a few seconds and get relaxed into the position by closing your eyes. Open your eyes and what do you see? If you see a full field of view through your rifle scope, you have achieved good sight alignment. If you don’t and instead, find yourself pushing your head forward on the stock or pulling your head back on the stock, I recommend that you loosen the scope rings and adjust the scope by gently pushing it forward or pulling it rearward. Repeat the process until you can comfortably see a full field of view. Then, secure the scope mounts tightly with loctite on the scope. During this process, check the scope level to avoid having a canted scope.

High Power
Mike Wilson

FREE - Graduates of the High Power Clinic being conducted on February 7 will be allowed to participate in one Sporting Rifle for FREE (a $15 value). The 2010 High Power Rifle season kicks off next month on Sunday March 7. High Power Rifle and Sporting rifle matches will be held on the first Sunday of each month until the range is closed. The registration fee for all matches is $15 for SCSC members and non-members alike. Advance registration is not required. Shooters desiring to shoot in the first relay of the High Power tournament should arrive at the range by 7:30 AM for registration and firing point assignment. No special equipment is required for SPORTING RIFLE matches; your center fire deer hunting rifle or WWII rifle will suffice.

Waivers, Hold Harmless and Release forms will be available on match days for people that need to complete them. A form dated 2010 must be on file with the High Power Committee before being allowed to participate in a match. Membership in our club and participation in our High Power matches may qualify you (if you meet the other established criteria) to purchase CMP rifles (e.g. an M1 “Garand,” 1903, .22 target rifles, or other CMP Rifles as they are available).

Beginners: To start shooting in high power competition at SCSC, your first step, assuming you already know how to operate and shoot your rifle safely in the required positions, is to participate in SPORTING RIFLE matches to gain experience, confidence and competence. The atmosphere is casual and fun. SPORTING RIFLE matches are unique because instruction and coaching will be allowed. It will not be long before you are a sharpshooter and can advance to other types of matches if you desire.

Classes and Clinics: I have arranged for Lito Ignacio to conduct a mini-clinic on match day, March 7. The goal of the clinic is to instruct beginning shooters on some of the fundamentals of high power competitive shooting. Start time is 8 AM in the pavilion. There is no charge for this instruction.

Etiquette Item: During a High Power match, everyone in the rifle range complex is expected to limit conversation to official business while competitors are shooting their strings.

HELP WANTED: Volunteers are needed on match days to lend a helping hand (no heavy lifting required) for crowd control, rule enforcement, and other duties; please contact me. This is an excellent opportunity to work your required hours.
Hunter Safety
Cindy Perkins/Marlene Smith

Here are schedules for 2010 Hunter Safety Education classes being held here at SCSC/Middleton Hall:
- March 30, 31, April 1 and 3, 2010. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday time 6 PM to 9 PM. Saturday time 8 AM to Noon.
- August 17, 18, 19 & 21, 2010. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday time 6 PM to 9 PM. Saturday time 8 AM to Noon.

Registration is "in person" on March 13 at Dick's Sporting Goods in the St Charles Mall in Waldorf from 9:30 AM to 1 PM and on March 20 at Fred's Sporting Goods and Furniture in Waldorf from 9:30 AM to 1 PM. Cost is $10 per student. Please let everyone you know who is interested in taking Hunter Safety Education classes of our schedules and if they need further information have them call Marlene Smith at 301-523-0973 or Cindy Perkins at 301-884-4082. Also if anyone is interested or if you know someone who would be interested in becoming a Hunter Safety Education instructor, please contact Marlene or Cindy at the numbers listed above. It is truly a rewarding experience. We will give you all the details.

For your convenience, we have also listed all available Hunter Safety Education classes in our area for 2010 on the front page of the Recoil. If our dates here at SCSC/Middleton Hall don't work for you, maybe there is another team being taught close by with another team that will fit your schedule. Again, should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Marlene Smith or Cindy Perkins. Email addresses are listed in the Recoil.

Tree Stand Safety Tips
The tree stand is one of the most popular pieces of hunting equipment. Using tree stands can be dangerous if they are used incorrectly or carelessly. Tree stand accidents are the leading cause of hunting injuries in Maryland. Nationally, including Maryland, over 50% of all hunting accidents are tree stand related. Most tree stand accidents occur in transition from a climbing device to the tree stand and from the tree stand onto the climbing device. Other injuries occur when the tree stand fails (usually home made stands) or from incorrect installation of a manufactured stand. Please follow these safety tips. Your life or livelihood may depend on it.

- Always read, understand and practice the manufacturer’s recommendations before using any climbing equipment or tree stand.
- Check permanent tree stands every year before hunting from them. Replace any worn or weak lumber.
- Check your equipment before and during the season for loose, broken or worn parts.
- Use updated equipment. Newer tree stand equipment is solid, safe and secure.
- Always practice installing a hang-on tree stand at ground level before attempting an elevated installation.
- Always use a fall restraint system while climbing a tree.
- Use a FULL BODY SAFETY HARNESS as part of your fall restraint system. Never use a waist belt or rope as a substitute for a FULL BODY SAFETY HARNESS while in a tree stand.
- Only climb healthy trees.
- Use your climbing device or tree stand for support; branches may give way under your weight.
- Use three points of contact with the tree or climbing device for a secure hold.
- Climb higher than your stand and step down onto it. Climbing up into the stand can dislodge it causing a fall.

- Wear boots with non-skid soles. Steps or platforms may be slippery in rain, sleet, or snow.
- Never carry anything while you are climbing. Use a haul line to get hunting devices and other equipment into and out of your stand. Make sure guns and crossbows are unloaded and broadheads are covered prior to raising or lowering firearms, crossbows, or bows with a haul line.
- As a precautionary measure, clear the ground of debris below your stand and climbing device.
- If you are sleepy, climb down from your stand and hunt from the ground.
- Leave a hunting plan with a responsible adult. Include specifically where you will hunt and when you will return.
- Draw a map to better explain your location. If no one is available for you to tell, leave this information at your camp or in your vehicle for rescuers to find.
- Carry a survival pack with you that you keep on your person. This should include a whistle, cell phone, flashlight, and a basic first aid kit.

NEVER HUNT FROM A TREE STAND WITHOUT USING A FULL BODY SAFETY HARNESS.

Huntsmaster
Jim Pollock

For those hunters who harvested game, please let me know what you got, where you got it, what size it is, when you got it, how you got it (gun, muzzleloader or bow) and the confirmation number. If you got a bragging size buck, please provide a photo, the inside measurement of the antlers and a point count. This year I will need this information on or before February 17, 2010.

Indoor Range
Jose’ Torres

The Rimfire Discretionary Target match is now over. The scores will be printed in the March Recoil. The next match will be a centerfire match and is scheduled for March 2, 2010. This will give participants plenty of time to stock up on ammo.

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David C. George

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New applicants approved by the SCSC Board on 1/20/10:

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Note: SCSC has a limit of 450 Regular members.

NRA Information Needed

SCSC must maintain 100% NRA membership. Please check your Recoil label for (NRA? and/or Date?) to determine if your NRA information is current. Per SCSC bylaws, members must be current NRA members to retain membership in SCSC.

Letters have been sent to the following members requesting NRA info. New SCSC membership cards will not be issued until NRA info is received. The SCSC Board voted 8/19/09 to suspended membership for the following members until a current NRA expiration date is provided: Jan Richard Oldland and Randy B. Randall.
Scouting

Jeff Kensinger

In January, SCSC Troop 424 went to Solomon’s Island for a weekend to focus on completing the “Eagle required” Communications Merit Badge and the Computers Merit Badge. In February your Troop is heading to the Rodney Scout Reservation at the top end of Chesapeake Bay. They will be completing a weekend of winter cabin camping, orienteering and hiking. Also in February, Troop 424 is preparing to accept 6 new Scouts that are getting ready to “cross-over” from Cub scouts into Boy scouts the first week of March.

Shotgun

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Shotgun is closed for the season! See you all in the Spring, March 7th is our opening day! Keep warm and keep reloading.

NRA Basic Rifle Training

When: Friday, 12 Mar 2010/6:00 pm thru 10:30 pm and continues Saturday, 13 Mar 2010/8 am thru 5 pm

Where: Saint Charles Sportsman Club
Piney Church Road, Waldorf, MD
(http://www.stcharlescc.com/map.html)

Registration: Pre-registration Required on website at http://www.nrainstructors.org/searchcourse.aspx, search under “NRA Basic Rifle” in Waldorf, Maryland and also, send e-mail to lito_ignacio@msn.com

Cost: $75.00 per Student

Things to Bring: Information Provided to Pre-Registered Students from Instructor

Classified Ads

2002 Buick LeSabre Custom; 3.8L V6; 67,000 miles; Metallic Sand; Leather Seats; Power seats/windows; AM/FM/CD/CD Stereo; Clean; asking $6,800. Jay 301-861-7715


Bianchi Double Mag Pouches for 40 Cal Glock: Used, $10; Blade Tech for Glock 34/35 RH Holster, Used, Original Bag, $25; Blade Tech Mag Pouch for Tactical Light & 40 Cal Mag Pouch for Glock, $15. Blade Tech Double Mag Pouch for 40 Cal Glock Mags, $15; Glock Mag Extension Pads adds 2-4 rounds for 40 cal Glock, $15 Each; Original Glock Sport Combat Holster for Glock 20/21, $15; Safariland Adjustable Single Glock 40 cal Mag Pouches, $15. Each. (3); Crossman Air Rifle RM477 and Tapped with a Crossman 4X32 Scope, $130; M1A/M14 Chrome Moly Barrel from Springfield from an M1A Super Match Rifle in 308 Winchester, 2500 rounds fired, $260; Ramshot TAC Powder, 8 lbs, Practically New, used to load 10 .223 rounds for test fire, $130; Fulton Armory AR-15 A1 Buttstock, $45; Cleaning Rod (Boretech) 7mm/30 cal, $20; Jim Owens Rapid Fire Service Rifle Sling, New, $45; Lito Ignacio, 240-346-4114, lito_ignacio@msn.com.
2010 Friends of NRA
Southern Maryland Banquet
Saturday, March 6, 2010
Middleton Hall, 4045 Renner Road, Waldorf, MD

Preview 5:00 – 7:00 PM ≈ Dinner & Auction 7:00 PM
Live & Silent Auctions, Games, Drawings, Door Prizes,
Firearms, Art, Jewelry, Shooting Items, Specialty Items
100% of Proceeds to Benefit Youth Shooting Sports, Educational & Hunting Programs

➢ Individual Banquet Ticket - $40
➢ Couple - $75
➢ Benefactor Ticket - $130 Includes 1
  Dinner Ticket & $120 in Bucket Tickets
(Not available at Banquet, Order by March 1st)
➢ Corporate/Club Table - $280
➢ Sponsor Table - $530
➢ Sponsor Bonus Bucket Ticket Package: $25
  (A $200 value) Limit 2

To Order Tickets
Bring your ticket request with payment to the February meeting or
Mail ticket request with payment to Southern Maryland Friends of NRA, PO Box 1369, Waldorf, MD 20602
No later than March 1, 2010
To purchase tickets online go to www.nrafoundation.org

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________ City: ________________________________ State: _____ Zip: ______
Phone: ________________________________ E-mail: ________________________________
Number of Tickets: Individual: ___ ($40) Couple: ___ ($75) Benefactor: ___ ($130)
  Corporate/Club Table: ___ ($280) Sponsor Table: ___ ($530) Sponsor Package: ___ ($25)
Total Enclosed: $______
# St. Charles Sportsman's Club
## High Power Rifle Clinic

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<td><strong>Location:</strong></td>
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| **Time:** | 7:30 am Registration  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm Classroom and Live Fire |
| **Cost:** | $30.00 per Student  
Fees can be paid with cash, checks and money orders payable to SCSC. |
| **Class Size** | 10 Student Maximum, No Exceptions |
| **Directions** | Refer to http://www.stcharlessc.com/map.html |
| **Prerequisite** | Participants are required to know how to operate their rifle and be able to shoot at a 100-yard target from the standing, sitting or kneeling, and prone positions; |
| **Clinic Goal** | The goal of the clinic is to give each participant the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to compete successfully in an NRA High Power Rifle tournament without coaching. |
| **Equipment Requirements** | ☐ FIREARM:  
Either Service Rifle (M16/AR15 series rifle, M1 Garand, or M14/M1A; Iron-Sights only; Caliber: 223 caliber, 30-06 caliber, or 308 Winchester)  
OR  
Match Rifle (Semi-Auto not defined as Service Rifle above, or Bolt-Gun with Rear & Front Aperture Sights only; No mounted scopes)  
☐ AMMUNITION/MAGAZINES:  
128 rounds minimum;  
2 Mags or 2 clips (M1 or Bolt-Action) Required;  
Shooter must use either safely reloaded ammunition or factory ammunition. NO AMMO AVAILABLE ON RANGE TO USE.  
☐ RIFLE SLING;  
Service Rifle Slings: Either M1903-Style Sling or Military Web Sling  
OR  
Match Rifle Slings  
NO TACTICAL 1-, 2- or 3-POINT SLINGS  
☐ WARM CLOTHING;  
☐ LUNCH/SNACKS/WATER (No Food or Water at Range);  
☐ SHOOTING GLOVES, OR LEATHER WORKING GLOVES;  
☐ PEN/PENCIL/NOTE PAD; |
| **Contact Information** | Lito Ignacio  
lito_ignacio@msn.com |
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~ NOTICE ~

The range will be available for member use after scheduled matches are complete. Call the range office for an approximate ending time. 301-645-1148
ST. CHARLES SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, INC
4045 Renner Road, Waldorf, MD 20602 / Attn: Membership Renewal
2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION / (Waiver, Hold Harmless and Release Form)

To avoid late fees, dues must be paid no later than Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Any dues payment received after this date is subject to a $25.00 per month late fee. Please check the upper left hand corner of your Recoil; if the date is March 2, 2010, then it's time to renew! A Regular Membership renewal is $150 and Associate Membership renewal (member number starts with an "A") is $300 (plus required late fees). Please complete this form and include payment in full using a check or money order payable to St. Charles Sportsman's Club or "SCSC," then return to the address above. The top line of your Recoil Mailing Label shows the current NRA information on file. If your label is missing NRA information or it reflects an expired membership (??? Question marks), please include a copy of your new NRA membership card. SCSC members must retain an active membership in the NRA.

**NOTE: SCSC membership cards will NOT be issued if NRA information is not current.**

Check if the label on reverse side reflects correct NRA and ADDRESS information, there is no need to enter this information below.

- Check if NRA Life Member
- NRA #:_________________________NRA Expiration Date:_________________________

Name: __________________________________________ Street Address: ____________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ___________________ ZIP Code: __________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Work Phone: ___________________________
Occupation: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

Membership is a family membership. Are you married?  No: Yes: Spouse’s Name: __________________

**Please Check Appropriate Box and Remit Dues as Indicated:**

- **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**
  - Enclose a Check for $150 (Thru March 3rd - 2010)
  - Enclose a Check for $175 (From March 4th - April 7th)
  - Enclose a Check for $200 (From April 8th - May 5th)

- **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**
  - Enclose a Check for $300 (Thru March 3rd - 2010)
  - Enclose a Check for $325 (From March 4th - April 7th)
  - Enclose a Check for $350 (From April 8th - May 5th)

**Waiver, Hold Harmless and Release:** In consideration for the use of SCSC owned or leased property, or participation in Club activities, I agree to the terms of this document.

1. I acknowledge that there are always risks involving physical activities and acknowledge that there is always the risk involving the use of firearms, crossbows, archery or other equipment. While SCSC strives to have a safe environment, the Club cannot guarantee total safety.
2. I understand that if there is an accident involving property damage or personal injury involving me, I will assume all responsibility and liability.
3. I hereby waive and release SCSC, its officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all costs, liabilities, expenses and judgments including attorney’s fees and court costs arising out of my participation in Club activities.
4. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify SCSC, its officers, directors, employees and agents from all claims made by me or any action brought on behalf of me or by others including but not limited to spouse, children, other family members, guardians, holders of your powers of attorney, etc.
5. It is understood that if a member or guest of this Club causes an injury to another’s person or property, that person causing the injury can be held liable.
6. As a SCSC member, I understand I am executing this agreement on behalf of all included in the “Family Membership” as defined in the SCSC by-laws.

I hereby certify by my signature hereon that I have never been convicted of a felony or any offense involving the use of firearms and have never had any hunting or fishing privileges suspended, except as explained on the attached sheet. I realize that any revelation of such conviction or suspension may result in my being expelled from the Club. I further agree to adhere to the St. Charles Sportsman’s Club Pledge, the By-laws, the Club Code of Ethics and the Waiver, Hold Harmless and Release. PLEASE SIGN FORM - (If ‘NOT” Renewing SCSC Membership – Please Check Box Below)

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**Signature of Member** (Signature Required) ___________________________ **Date** ______________

- **DO NOT RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP - I HEREBY RESIGN FROM THE CLUB (SCSC)**, I have enclosed my gate key and any other Club property issued to me while a member. I further understand I have relinquished all rights and privileges of membership in the St. Charles Sportsman’s Club and will not use the facilities or property except as a guest of a current member or while participating in a function open to the public. I understand that, for me to be able to return to the club at a later date as a regular member (if currently a regular member), I must resign in good standing PRIOR TO the Close of Business of the MARCH 3, 2010 membership meeting. Otherwise, I must rejoin as an associate member and be placed on the list to upgrade to a Regular membership.
See You At The

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 8 p.m.

Middleton Hall

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