



# *WV Shooting & Hunting News*

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## **2012 ANNUAL MEETING will be in late March, details to be announced**

### **Notes from the President**

Gary L. Bailey

Hi folks,

The WWSRPA Board just finished holding its fourth quarter meeting November 12th at the Steakhouse in Weston, WV. All nine (9) district directors made it and 3 of 4 officers were present. District 3 director, Dave Fisher, that passed away recently, has not been replaced yet. Some board members drive a long distance and one usually stays overnight. That's dedication!! "thanks".

Here are some issues to think about:

- A. T-shirts for sale. Gray and light brown w/pocket. We may have hats fairly soon. We are also working on a 50th year anniversary t-shirt.
- B. Check out the website for general info.
- C. The association had a table at the National Hunting and Fishing Day at Stonewall Jackson Resort back in September. We met a lot of hunters and shooters. Jonn Parsons of Helvetia, WV won the Ruger 10-22 we raffled off.
- D. Memberships are slowly increasing, but we still need your help, along with clubs also.
- E. Annual meeting – the meeting is scheduled for late March 2012 and hopefully will be in Flatwoods. Plan to attend and bring a friend. This will be a "special time---50th anniversary". Club elections for treasurer and three Board members will also be

conducted. If interested in serving, contact the Association. There are always nominations from the floor.

- F. White Horse is fully operational and has conducted several well run matches. Brassmasters Pistol Club just re-organized and will be using White Horse as its home range.
- G. We would like to list your club as an affiliate and print your information in our newsletter. Application inside.
- H. Legislative—we are looking to establish a "Legislative Committee" to help monitor events. We all should be concerned about, good and bad legislation. Call if you have some ideas for us or would be willing to serve on this committee.

Check out this newsletter and give us a call, pros or cons.

Thanks, hope to see you at the annual meeting in March.

### **Email Request**

In order to help keep expenses down, your WWSRPA Board of Directors requests that if you are able and willing to have your newsletter delivered by email please let us know. Emails will save us \$\$\$ in printing and mailing costs. Every little bit helps. Just let us know via email: [wvsrpa@gmail.com](mailto:wvsrpa@gmail.com).

### Website

The website ([www.wvasrpa.org](http://www.wvasrpa.org)) is up and running. Take a look and let us know what you think. Any comment or suggestions can be sent to [wvsrpa@gmail.com](mailto:wvsrpa@gmail.com). Just as soon as you get your summer schedule set up please let us know so we can get it on the webpage.

### Some Association Updates

We are happy to announce that the State Association was granted \$2070.00 in October from the NRA to cover the cost of a new computer, printer, software, a new 4' x 5' banner, a color tri-fold brochure and an update of our newsletters.

We are purchasing a new laptop that can be taken to meetings and Microsoft Excel software to keep our membership list on and a small printer that is inexpensive to operate and can be easily transported to meetings. The 4'x5' banner has already been purchased and was displayed at Hunting & Fishing Day, it is vinyl and we have created a tube for storage to protect it as it travels. Paul Bisher our District 5 representative is working on a tri-fold brochure that will introduce the public to our State Association and share our mission and goals. It will not be dated in anyway and hopefully can be used for many years; we hope to have some color on it, maybe a photo. Part of the money will be used to possibility put some color into this newsletter; we will be working with our editor Dave Mizner to see what changes we can make in 2012. We are very excited to have these opportunities and thank the NRA for their support.

### NRA Certified Instructor's Certificate

Your State Association is working to put together a series of classes to provide you with your NRA Certified Instructors Certificate. This is still in the planning stages and will probably take place this winter or early spring before your shooting schedule starts. We are looking at the Buckhannon, Weston or Flatwoods area and hope to make each discipline a day long class so you will not have to stay overnight. If you are interested please email us at [wvsrpa@gmail.com](mailto:wvsrpa@gmail.com) or call Gary at 304-586-3116 and leave us your name and contact information so we can get in touch with you when we have our ducks in a row.

### On a Sad Note

Dave Fisher, our District 3 Representative for many, many years, lost his battle with cancer on June 15th this year. We have asked a member of Salem Rifle & Pistol Club, which Dave was a member of, to fill this position. The State Association has voted to place a plaque with his home club in his honor for the many years of service to the Association.

### WVSRPA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Request

April 20, 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the State Association! And we need your help! We hope to recognize our past Presidents at our annual meeting in March, but sadly we do not know who they all are particularly the early ones. We know Sandy Latimer was first and John Hash 1966-67. We have a long list of names and no dates so if you can help us fill in the gaps, know addresses or if you have a fun story you would like to share with us PLEASE do so at [wvsrpa@gmail.com](mailto:wvsrpa@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 2504, Buckhannon, WV 26201. We'd appreciate it in writing since none of us take shorthand and getting all the information right over the phone could prove to be a problem.

### Upcoming Events

*Join WVSRPA and send us your event schedule if you would like it included in this newsletter.*

Friends of NRA Banquet -- check the NRA website under Foundation or call NRA representative Jim Kilgore at 304-255-2916

### Roan County Gun Club 2012 .22 Rimfire Winter Schedule

Located 3.5 miles west of Spencer, WV off US Rt. 33 along Tuckers Run Road

Indoor matches all start at 1:00 pm

Saturday	January 7th
Sunday	January 22nd
Saturday	February 4th
Saturday	February 18th
Sunday	March 4th
Saturday	March 17th
Sunday	March 25th
Saturday	April 7th

For more information or better directions call Harold Lowe 304-927-2146 or Tom Jackson 304-927-4370

### IBS 1,000-yards National

Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> started at sunrise with the Women of White Horse preparing breakfast of biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, cheese and egg biscuits, hot coffee and donuts. The first day of the IBS 1,000 Yard Nationals at White Horse Center arrived with sunshine, humidity and full stomachs! One hundred sixteen (116) shooters were set up and ready to shoot at 9:00 am. Saturday saw nine relays of light gun, nine relays of heavy gun and nine more relays of light gun; twenty-seven relays total.

Sunday was cooler but the humidity was still there. Breakfast started at 7:00 am and shooting started at 9:00 am with nine relays of heavy gun, nine relays of light gun and nine more relays of heavy gun. The rain held off until the seventh relay of the last heavy gun, firing was stopped for about twenty minutes, the eighth relay was shot without any interruption but the last relay was again interrupted by rain, wind and lightning, after another short break the last relay was shot and at about 6:30 pm the "cease fire" was called for the last time and prizes were awarded!

White Horse was honored to host this National event and the whole White Horse community stepped up and donated their time and energy from the target pullers to the guys who got the concession stand and scoring shed built. We had runners who brought their 4-wheelers and men who came to direct traffic. With almost forty (40) helpers things went very smoothly even with the weather.

There was one shooter from Utah and Texas, and few from the mid-west, of course many from the surrounding states and many regulars to White Horse. If you are not familiar with the IBS 1,000 yard shooting you need to stop by White Horse next summer and behold some of the most unique guns you have ever seen. Check White Horse's website for photos and scores.



Firing line

### National Hunting and Fishing Day

National Hunting & Fishing Day was celebrated September 24th & 25th at Stonewall Jackson Lake & Resort. The West Virginia State Rifle and Pistol Association set up a booth to share our mission and to sell t-shirts and raffle tickets. White Horse Center also had a display set up right next to the State Association. The next booth was Jim Kilgore, our state NRA rep, and his wife Pam; they promoted gun safety with the children and the NRA cause with the adults, along with a few good words about the Friends of NRA dinners this fall. The next booth was the Putnam County Firearms Club. All and all it was a nice weekend and we got our names and purposes out to the public and sold a few raffle tickets.



Joe Manchin (left) and Jim Kilgore (NRA rep)



Tom Hayden, WWSRPA Vice-President



Gary Bailey (left, WWSRPA Pres.) and Ed Tenney

### Return of Brassmasters

After an extended hiatus from the WV shooting scene, Brassmasters was reformed in August, 2011. We are pleased to renew our NRA Affiliation and likewise our affiliation with the WV State Rifle and Pistol Association; two organizations that we wholeheartedly support. Additionally, we have negotiated an agreement with the White Horse Firearms and Outdoor Education Center whereby Brassmasters will assume operation and maintenance of the Bullseye, Silhouette/Cowboy Action Ranges.

Furthermore, we have established permanent mailing and email addresses and the White Horse Board of Directors was gracious in allowing Brassmasters to use their range office as our meeting place and headquarters. Presently, we are coordinating our match schedule with White Horse and plan to hold several events throughout the 2012 shooting season. Committees were appointed to explore the feasibility of establishing Cowboy Action and Silhouette Ranges. At this juncture, both appear promising; with tentative plans to hold one or two

silhouette matches early in the 2012 shooting season to measure the level of participation before expending a lot of work and money to further develop the existing Silhouette Range. If the level of participation dictates it, then the existing Silhouette Range will receive improvements and become a permanent fixture at White Horse. As to Cowboy Action, we intend to proceed with development of this shooting discipline which is presently experiencing a high level of participation throughout the U.S. and WV. We also plan to hold monthly Bullseye matches and a couple of CMP approved (EIC) Hardball matches and Distinguished Revolver matches.

Our first capital improvement project at the White Horse Range is constructing a cover over the existing Bullseye Range firing line, with gravel pathways to the 25 & 50 yard target lines and in front of the target holders. We intend to begin this major project in the spring, contingent on funding and when completed will eliminate the need for cancelling matches due to inclement weather while enhancing the level of participation and hopefully, add an attractive feature to the landscape at the White Horse Range.

At a recent Brassmasters' Executive Committee meeting, several ideas were discussed regarding increasing shooting participation levels by the public and our membership including PPC/Combat Shooting, Women on Target and an area for pistol plinking. We remember the 80s when membership was at approximately the one hundred level. Ideas suggested for increasing both shooting participation by the public and our membership will be immediately implemented and we are hopeful, with the addition of Cowboy Action and possibly Silhouette we can double our membership during the upcoming year. Other ideas and suggestions are certainly welcome.

In closing, Brassmasters wishes to express its appreciation to the White Horse Firearms and Outdoor Education Center's Board of Directors for their initial encouragement of Brassmasters to undertake operation and maintenance of the existing pistol ranges and also for their suggestions and support in negotiating an agreement which is to the benefit of both organizations and the WV Shooting Community as a whole. We would be remiss if we did not express our gratitude to some who have devoted decades in support of the shooting sports in WV and stepped forward to provide encouragement and support: Gary Bailey, Sandy Latimer, J.R. Hill, Lee Godbey, Ed and Deloris Williams and the Putnam County Gun Club. Thanks to all!

#### Brassmasters contact information:

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## State High Power & High Power Long Range Championship

by Don "Dumpy" Bartlett

The White Horse Firearms and Outdoor Education Center conducted the West Virginia State Rifle High Power Championship on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the West Virginia High Power Long Range Championship was also held.

On Saturday the competitors fired a 800 aggregate, being shot at 200 yards standing, 200 yards rapid fire, 300 yards rapid fire and 20 rounds slow fire at 600 yards. Sunday was strictly slow fire at 1,000 yards using any rifle with iron sights and any rifle using telescopic sights. The competitors were both "F" class (using bi-pods) or (front tri-pods rests) and those shooting prone with rifle sling on the arm.

The weather conditions were notably calm but, rain nearby. Temperature mid 80's and wind variable but mild. Conditions overall were good.

It is noted this State Tournament produced more competitors than the June Regional. Several competitors entered the match from PA, they had not shot at White Horse in many years. Those shooters comments were they heard of the range improvements and how the matches were conducted. They also said they were satisfied with what they saw and would continue to shoot our rifle matches.

Very noteworthy was, five Junior's participated in the State Championship. One local junior and four from PA. The five Junior competitors were one third of the total 15 entries. No local clubs from the State participated.

The White Horse Board of Directors are seeing a turnaround in competition beginning with this 2011 State tournament; with past competitors returning to the range, adult training, and the future of marksmanship being juniors. Notably a shooter from Maryland has come to like our range and matches and has attended both the regional and the State Championship at 1,000 yards. He states he has learned a lot since any question on fundamentals was always answered.

The overall winner on Saturday (800 aggregate) was Jack Jones of Akron, Ohio with a score of 785-29X out of a possible 800-80X. A competitor with state residency was awarded the WV State Championship, Fritz Hempelmann of Wheeling with a score of 773-34X. The high junior, Brandon Bartlett shot a 755-10X for this category. It is also noted all juniors conducted themselves very professional in both safety and conduct in all respects. My respect goes to those adults training these juniors.

Sunday for the 1,000 yard competition, there was a combination of Palma rifles (.308), magnums, AR 10 service rifles and again shooting with the rifle sling on the arm for support, some with bi-pods and tri-pods. It was very interesting to see the different equipment on line. The event on Sunday at 1,000 yards had one female shooting "F" class, but no juniors participated. Of the adults who fired this 1,000 yard championship, currently three are firing the long range championship at Camp Perry, Ohio: Tim Marsh, Bob Brooks and Charlie Skinner. Charlie is shooting his first endeavor at the Nationals at Camp Perry in long range shooting.

Sunday's 1,000 yards was won by Tim Marsh with a score of 575-12X, Open Winner "F"/TR class was won by Nathan Sleeman with a score of 529-8X using an AR10 service rifle with bi-pods. "F" Class Open was won by J.C.Jarrell with a score of 557-10X using a NRA type rifle with tri-pods. "F" Class Open Female was won by Carol Marsh with a score of 543-3X. All the winners and scores are an aggregate of three matches fired of 20 rounds each at 1,000 yards for the Sunday competition.

## Local Club/Range Information

*Want contact information about your club in this newsletter? Join WWSRPA and send us your club's name, physical location, contact information, and website.*

### Brassmasters

*Location:* Buckhannon

*Contact:* Jim Pennington @ 304-472-6617

### Ft. Boreman Rifle Club

*Location:* Parkersburg

*Contact:* 304-485-6972

### Lewis Wetzel Rifle & Pistol Club

*Location:* Wheeling

*Contact:* fhempelmann@yahoo.com

### Little Kanawha Rifle Club

*Location:* near Mineral Springs

*Contact:* J.R. Hill @ 304-422-6131 or  
wvshooter@hotmail.com

### Lumberport Rifle & Pistol Club

*Location:* Lumberport

*Contact:* Lee Martin @ 304-592-1313

### Mountain State Sportsmens Association

*Location:* North of Parkersburg

*Contact:* J.R. Hill @ 304-422-6131 or  
wvshooter@hotmail.com

**Putnam County Gun Club**

*Location:* Eleanor  
*Address:* PO Box 334, Eleanor, WV 25070  
*Website:* www.putnamcountygunclub.org

**Salem Rifle and Pistol Club**

*Location:* Salem  
*Contact:* to be announced

**Tuckers Creek Rimfire Rifle Club**

*Location:* near Elizabeth  
*Contact:* J.R. Hill @ 304-422-6131 or  
 wvshooter@hotmail.com

**WV Junior Marksmanship Team**

*Location:* Buckhannon  
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**Wadcutters, Inc.**

*Location:* Summersville  
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**White Horse Firearms and Outdoor Education Center**

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### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an NRA Member? Yes No If yes, are you an annual or life member? Annual Life

Has any of the above information changed since your last renewal? Yes No New Member

Membership Dues: \$15/year; \$25/2 years; \$35/3 years; \$60/5 years; \$100/Senior Life; \$200/Life;

Club Affiliation Dues: \$20 per year

Make checks or money orders payable to: WV State R & P A

## ORDER FORM

### for your Official West Virginia State Rifle and Pistol Association T-shirt

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number & email address in case we need to contact you:

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size and number of each

Shirt without pocket: \_\_\_ Small \_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ X-large \_\_\_ 2X

Tan T-shirt with pocket: \_\_\_ Small \_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ X-large \_\_\_ 2X

Price: grey shirt \$15 for M, L, XL; and \$17 for 2X  
tan shirt w/pocket \$17 for M,L, XL ; and \$19 for 2X

Shipping: \$3.95 per each shirt

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ DO NOT SEND CASH

Make checks or money orders payable to: WV State R & P Assoc.



Competitor area, firing line, and distant target line



Competitor area as seen from firing line

### IBS 1,000 Yard Nationals at White Horse Center



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