



The Horry Pride

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WLA Motto "Local Folks Solving Local Problems"

WLA SLOGAN "To Put Back More Than We Take"

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Please Check our Monthly Calendar of Events@

<http://www.horrychapterwildlifeaction.org/calendar-of-events.html>

Skeet and Trap Ranges are opened Tuesday and Thursdays 10am-2pm and Sundays from 11AM until 4PM. Check with Ed Whitner regarding nighttime trap/skeet shoot on Tuesdays

No meeting is scheduled for December due to the Holidays, rather; The Chapter Christmas Dinner/Awards Banquet will be held on 14 December at Radd Dew's Bar-B-Que, 851 Horry Rd in Aynor (the intersection of Horry and Enoch Roads, at traffic light), at 5 PM. Cost will be \$17PP. This is a buffet meal and includes salad bar, meal and drinks and tip.. We hope to see you there!!

Our Next Scheduled meeting is on 23 January 2020, "KEY NIGHT". Although the "straw vote" overwhelmingly approved an increase in key price, the price will remain at \$50.00. Please remember to bring your old key for turn-in when you purchase your new key. We will have hotdogs with fixins' available. Donations to the Chapter will gladly be accepted. In addition, raffle tickets will be sold for a .22 caliber American Heritage Revolver that will be won that night. Beginning after "Key Night, all members will need a key to enter the facility as starting the following day gates must be locked upon entry and NO ONE will be permitted to enter without a key. Only exceptions will be during our special event days; i.e., Veterans/Ladies shoots, Pioneer Days or for leased events. Updated rules and regulations will be given out at the meeting.

Important Issues: The Chapter President lists his three most important issues:

1. Beginning Jan 2020, once you enter our gate, you **MUST FIRST** sign in and pay your fees. You may then proceed to your berm area to shoot.
2. Gates must always be locked. This includes Tuesday and Thursday Trap Shooting. The only time gates will be "open" is when we have a special event. Those events are listed on the webpage early in the year. Those without keys should not be let in by anyone. Everyone will have an opportunity to purchase a key in January.
3. Whenever you are at the Horry Chapter of WLA please treat each other as ladies and gentlemen, and let's be good will ambassadors of the WLA

Ever wonder where your fees go? Here is a listing of some of the Chapters upgrades completed in 2019: New vinyl fencing around the facility, Upgraded interior drainage, purchased WLA signs for National in Mullins, signs with rules and regs on the trap house, on site storage containers, painting all exterior buildings, new directional signs for Pee Dee Road, new heat pump and ducting, upgraded trauma kit and AED unit purchased, new cordless phone, military memorial stones placed around the flagpole, and soon to be completed purchase of 7 additional acres of land

surrounding Horry Chapter. We also fund 2 Pioneer Days, a Veteran's event and 2 Ladies shoots. Also, one of our larger expenses – OSB for the Back Stops.

Future Outlook: Rules and Regulations will be enforced without exception as our individual and family memberships have expanded to approximately 775. Mike Ferro and Jeff Fink are our new Chief Range Safety Officers. A goal is to have a Safety Officer on site 7 days per week. Storage shed(s) for plywood will help to expedite replacement on berm backstops. Rather than increase the Key Fee, having ALL members purchase one will help our financial security. Lastly, the expansion of the Resource Education Center would accommodate more members and activities.

Upcoming: During February and March we will be selling raffle tickets for a .22 Caliber Savage Target rifle. The lucky winner will be drawn at our annual Hot Dog Night at the March 2020 meeting.

A Range Cleanup Day was held on Nov 9th. The exterior area of the Resource Education Center was cleaned as well as the pistol and rifle berm areas. We appreciate the 7 members that volunteered their services. What a shame that out of 775 members we only had a total of 7 people come out to help. Members, this is your Chapter too and we can do much better than 7 volunteers.

Remember, none of our special events would be possible without the support of our sponsors as well as that of our generous donors. Please keep our sponsors in mind next time you need their services or products. Terry's Hardware, www.terrys-hardware.com, located at 5075 W. Highway 501 in Conway; Rivertown Gun Depot, has guns, ammo, and other sporting needs, located at 1301 E. Highway 501, Conway; Anderson Brothers Bank has multiple locations in Horry and Marion Counties, go to www.abbank.com, regarding services for all your banking needs; Papa Foxtrot Tactical has guns and ammo, at 618 8th Ave Unit C, Aynor for hunting/shooting supplies and more, www.facebook.com/papafox tac; Trap Range Sponsor Michael Herrington from CMH Heating and Cooling in Nichols, at 843-455-9379 or email at cmhhvac@gmail.com; and Frank and Betty Pate for their continued sponsorship of Berm #1

A Few reminders: Current range hours are 9AM until 4PM until Jan 1st. The exception will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays when normal 9AM until dusk hours apply. All ranges are closed during Chapter sponsored special events; i.e., Ladies or Veteran's Shoots and Pioneer events. Ed Whitner is selling Chapter specific hats, T-Shirts and WLA visors.

Thanks again for some generous donations: John Wren donated a chest freezer and Kevin Murphy donated OSB for the backstops, Jim Finn 2 outdoor chairs and cabinets, Farris Hunt, .40 and .22 Cal. reloads and Ed Whitner, Jr., fishing line and bobs. Donations of OSB and plywood for backstops is always welcome; it doesn't have to be new, but serviceable. Have hurricane window boards you don't know what to do with? We'd love to take them off your hands.

50-50 was won by John Fink, who once again donated his winnings back to the Chapter.