



The Horry Pride

Horry Chapter, Wildlife Action, P.O. Box 682: Aynor, SC 29511

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WLA SLOGAN "To Put Back More Than We Take"

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WILDLIFE ACTION CHAPTER OF THE YEAR FOR 1986-2006- 2012-2016

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Calendar of Events

Monthly: 1st Saturday: Trap Shoot 9AM,

3rd Saturday: SASS Cowboy Action 9:30 AM

4th Thursday: Monthly Meeting 7:00PM

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

Mandatory range orientation is given at 5:00 PM sharp on the 4th Thursday, monthly.

Please bring a weapon, 3 rounds of ammunition along with hearing and eye protection.

Horry Chapter is accepting donations of ammunition to be used for Pioneer Days, Ladies and Veterans shoots.

Our Next Meeting will be on February 28th. Range Orientation will be conducted at 5PM for new members. Also, see Ed Whitner to get tickets for our next raffle item; a Smith and Wesson .380 EZ Rack Pistol.

Key Night was a huge success. Members enjoyed the hot dogs and trimmings. We gained 32 memberships. The lucky individual to win the .45 caliber Glock raffle was Tony DeVito. Ben Powell, Executive VP of National, was on hand to congratulate the Chapter for winning the Chapter of the Year Award for 2018. He spoke of our dedication to the principles of Wildlife Action, which is more than just shooting sports. He also spoke on how we can promote conservation by helping Horry County end their serious litter problem, and by educating children by bringing them to the range when you come.

CWP Class will be held February 9th at the HCWLA Education Center beginning at 8AM. Fee for the course is \$65.00 pp. Participants will need to bring a minimum of 50 rounds of ammunition for the pistol they will be using.

On Sunday, Feb 24th at 10AM, Horry Chapter will begin holding monthly pistol/revolver matches. **After this month,** matches will be held on the 4th Saturday. Entry fee is \$5, (shells not included). Lunch will be available. Shots at 10, 15, and 25 Ft. Contact Mike Ferrio @ mfusmc78@optonline.net for further info.

Attention members: Flooding from Hurricane Florence destroyed a significant portion of the display pieces that we use for educational purposes. If you have fur bearing mounts that are in good shape such as deer, racoon, bear muskrat, etc., and would like to donate them to WLA, they would be much appreciated. If you do, we would appreciate you bring along to the February meeting. We also need to ensure these mounts are native to South Carolina. We will write you a charitable deduction if desired.

As all members are aware, 2018 was an exceptional year for the Horry Chapter regarding upgrading and expanding our facilities. These included painting of our building exteriors, adding new pistol and rifle berms, and installation of additional storage containers. 2019 will see an upgrade continuation. New vinyl posts and rails have been delivered to replace approximately 900 feet of wooden fencing; the kitchen drain has been repaired along with upgrading our septic

system. We still need to spray paint sheds, trap houses and the new storage containers. Please contact one of our board members if you can volunteer to help with any of these projects.

Along with the new keys, members were given copies of the 2019 updated rules; please read and heed them as this is the first warning. Infractions can result in expulsion. Dangerous or destructive behavior will not be tolerated. The property is under surveillance for your protection. Remember, when entering the property, your first stop is to sign in and pay your fees. You are responsible for your guests. Please do not shoot at the wooden target frames or place clays on frame rails. If you want to shoot at clays targets, place them on the back berm.

A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Education Center asking for volunteers to do pre-meeting clean-up of the Education Center. This only requires one to sweep down the floor, clean the tables and tidy up the bathrooms. Takes about 90 minutes. Do this 1 or 2 days prior to meeting night.

On Jan 30th Johnny Goebel, Brian Koller, Leslie Granito, Bobby Stubbs, Frank and Sandy LaGasse were provided an education and conservation tour of the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center in Georgetown. The conservation field trip was hosted by Jim Lee, Education and Outreach Coordinator for the SC DNR. The tour went throughout Cat and South Islands of the preserve. It began at the Intracoastal ferry crossing and going to the other side of the Island at Winyah Bay. Historical sites, including cemeteries, church, old rice fields, and Tom Yawkey's office were visited. Various birds were sighted throughout the marshes. Jim provided multiple facts about the center, Tom Yawkey's use of the facility and how the site came to the State. An excellent tour.

Donations: Stu Chan, .9Mil and .22 Ammo; Kenneth Smith, plywood sheets for backstops; John Walco and John Cook, .22 Ammo; and Lee Riley, an Integrated computer watch.