



# The Horry Pride

## **Wildlife Action, Horry Chapter**

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### **Chapter 4, Chartered November 4, 1984**

WLA Motto "Local Folks Solving Local Problems"

WLA SLOGAN "To Put Back More Than We Take"

**January 2023**

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**WILDLIFE ACTION CHAPTER OF THE YEAR FOR 1986-2006- 2012-2016-2018-2020**

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### **Horry Chapter Officers**

**President** - Brian Koller (843) 347-2705: **Vice President** – John Wren (978) 502-0536

**Secretary** – Lesley Granito (843) 756-9150: **Treasurer** – Linda Benway (973) 800-4817

### **Horry Chapter Board Members**

Mike Ferrio - (843) 429-1701: Bobby Stubbs – (843) 222-6253

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**Please Check our Monthly Calendar of Events@**

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

**Skeet and Trap Ranges are opened Tuesday and Thursdays 10am-2pm and Sundays from 11AM until 4PM. We return to regular shooting hours of 9AM until dark, on 1 Jan 2023**

**“KEY NIGHT” is 26 January 2023 and is our first scheduled meeting of the new year.** Key sales will begin at 5PM, meeting at 7PM. Key price will \$60.00. **Attention Veterans!!!** Show proof of your service, (Military ID, DD-214, or driver’s license showing veteran status), and receive a \$10 discount on your key purchase. Please remember to bring your old key for turn-in when purchasing your new key. **If you do not have your old key, you will be required to retake the Range Orientation class.** We will have hotdogs and trimmings available for which donations to the Chapter will gladly be accepted. This will also be your last opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the .22 Henry Rifle as the winning ticket will be drawn at the meeting

**A change to The Big 50 ATA Registered Trap Shoot!!!! The Big 50 moves to the 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday** starting in January. Next shoot starts at 1PM on 14 January. You must be an ATA member to register your targets and cost is an extra \$2.50. You do not have to register your target and can just shoot at regular Chapter prices. Call Rodney Raines for further information @ (256) 486-1648.

**January begins a new year,** and it also brings newly elected/appointed officers to the Chapter. Congratulations on the re-appointment of President: Brian Koller. Below are the Horry Chapter WLA Officers for 2023:

**President: Brian Koller; Vice President: John Wren; Secretary: Lesley Granito**

**Treasurer: Linda Benway. Board of Directors: Mac Altman, Tom Benway, Bobby Stubbs, Mike Ferrio, Richard Chiuminato, and Dan Tamasi**

**V/P Hunting: William Olexa; V/P Fishing: John Molinari, V/P Education: John Prelip, V/P**

**Environment: Dave Daily, Chaplain: Eddie Gay; Director of Pioneer/Veterans Activities: (open),**

**Chief Range Safety Officer: Mike Ferrio;**

**Ethics/Grievance Committee: Bill Jansson/Dave Daily/Jerry Jacobus**

**Election Committee: John Wren/Dan Tamasi/Tom Benway**

**Events Committee: Laura Doran**

**Newsletter: Brian Koller Website: John Wren Facebook Page: John Wren**

**(Please note: We still need someone to volunteer for the V/P Pioneer/Veterans Activities)**

**Everyone that attended our Chapter Christmas party** on 15 December had an excellent time at Wild Wing Plantation. Linda Benway opened the evening's events with a welcome message. Eddie Whitner, Jr., gave the evening invocation and Mike Ferrio lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the evening buffet opened. After the meal, Mike Ferrio presented a Perfect Score award to John O'Ryan. Brian gave the President's remarks prior to presenting our awards. Outgoing Board Member plaques were presented to Ed Whitner, Sr., and to Al Cocola. Brian then gave Certificates of Appreciation to Tom Benway, Rich Chiuminato, Dave Daily, Bill Jansson, Dan Tamasi and John Wren for all their support and hard work over the previous year. The Sportsman Award went to Rodney Raines; Fellowship Award to Laura Doran; Conservation Award to Lesley Granito; Preservation Award to Paul Nussbickle; Member of the Year went to Larry Richards; and our highest award, The President's Award was presented to Mike Ferrio. At this point, Vice Present John Wren gave a narrative on the Whitner family highlighting all their contributions over the years for Horry Chapter. He unveiled a sign dedicating and naming the Trap and Skeet fields "Whitner Range" as they will now be known. Linda drew the prize raffle tickets and John gave the evenings farewell message.

**Reminder:** Rules and Regulations continue to be enforced without exception. Please remember to lock the gate upon entry, and if you're the last person to leave the Resource Education Center, ensure that all doors are locked and firmly secured. If you do not have your key, you will not be let in. Your first stop upon entry is to sign in and use the provided envelopes to pay your fees. Include your name, date, and the amount you placed on the envelope. If you are not shooting, just sign in and indicate "work party" or "visiting". Range Safety Officers are here to help you if needed and ensure everyone follows range safety rules.

**Please continue to support our sponsors and generous sponsors.** None of our special events would be possible without our donors. As mentioned previously, Grand Strand Moisture Solutions is our newest sponsor, specializing in Crawl Space Encapsulation and Mold Remediation. Let Danny know you are a Chapter member. Their number is (843) 331-0697. Jonathan Shanks, P. A., Attorney and Counselor at Law in Surfside Beach sponsors the REC and specializes in Serious Accident and Injury Cases, workers comp, auto accidents, simple wills, healthcare, and standard power of attorney. Contact him at (843) 238-2694. Jonathan is also a life member of WLA since 2009. Anderson Brothers Bank is one of our long-time sponsors offering all types of banking services throughout Horry and Marion Counties. See them for all your financial needs. Window World sponsors Cowboy Action on berm #4 so if you are thinking about replacing windows or doors you can stop by their offices at 4655-A Highway 17 South, Myrtle Beach. J & K Outdoors, formerly Rivertown Gun Depot on Hwy 501, South of the bridge, has guns and provides friendly, expert service for your shooting needs, and Terry's Hardware in Conway continues to sponsor Berm #5.

**Donations: We are seeking** donations of .38, .9mm, and shotgun shells; however, any caliber ammunition will also be gratefully accepted. Your donations are how we continue to support our Pioneer/Ladies and Veterans Days. Ammo can still be hard to come by, but we appreciate your help in providing these donations. Thanks to Ron Westover for his cash contribution and Bill Jansson for his contribution of .9mm ammunition.

**Brian and The WLAHC Board of Directors would like to wish each and every Member a Happy Safe and Healthy New Year!!!**