



The Horry Pride

Wildlife Action, Horry Chapter

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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 2PM. Regular shooting hours are currently 9AM until Dusk.

The Chapter is seeking a volunteer(s) to become our new V/P of Fishing. If interested, please contact Bill Jansson.

Our next meeting is 25 April 2024 at 7PM. Hopefully everyone has purchased their new Facility Access Card (FAC) by now as our new electronic gates officially opened on 1 April. Just a reminder that you will still need your hard key to open the door to the REC. If you haven't purchased your FAC, you will still be able to purchase one with an appointment on Tue/Thursdays or Sundays. You will need to show your current key, or you will be required to take Range Orientation. We will have our pot-luck dinner at our April meeting. We love sharing some of your favorite dishes. Range orientation will be held at 5PM on meeting nights, or by appointment Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday. If you invite a friend or neighbor to join Wildlife Action and they plan on taking the orientation, please remind them that participants are to bring eye/ear protection, a pistol and 3 rounds of ammunition. We have raffle tickets on sale for the Tristar over/under 12-gauge shotgun. Package comes complete with various chokes. The drawing will be held on Ladies Day, 5 May. See Ed Whitner or Linda Benway to purchase your tickets.

Our March meeting began with Denis McCorry giving the opening prayer and President Bill leading our Pledge of Allegiance. Lesley read February's meeting minutes and Linda provided the Treasurer's Report. Bill Announced that we still are looking for a V/P of Fishing. Bill stated that our new electronic gates will be operational on 1 April. New signage has also been installed. Remember, one way in and one way out. Have you noticed the new wooden walls separating berms 1, 2, and 3? We had approximately 20 volunteers working to build and fill the walls. More work was done between berms 1 and 2 this past Friday that included resetting the Conex box. On 22 March 66 kids from Future Farmers of America (FFA) had their day at the Chapter. The participants were from all over South Carolina. They learned firearms safety and gun handling and given the opportunity to shoot cowboy pistols, shotguns, and semi-automatic handguns on the pistol ranges and on the Trap Range. The kids had a blast along with our volunteers. Thanks to Mike Ferrio, Tom and Linda Benway, Ed Whitner Sr., Jerry (Deuces) Moore, Bill Jansson, and Richey Chiuminato for working the ranges. Due to the efforts of John Prelip and Linda Benway, we received a grant from the NRA. The grant gave us 10,000 rounds of ammo and 5 boxes of targets. As mentioned in earlier newsletters, our Chapter has affiliated with the U. S. Practical Shooting Association, USPSA. This is the organization that members can join to compete in our Steel Shooting Events. You do not have to be a USPSA member to participate, but members get scored on a national level as scores get sent in monthly to the USPSA. We are still getting this organized, and some berm work for setup is continuing. We can still use more members, so if you are interested in joining the group, please contact John Prelip and he will get you signed up. We will be holding monthly steel shooting matches soon and will announce when the competition will begin. We have had several members ask about doing volunteer work. We plan on having a monthly project going forward. If you would like to participate on these projects, contact the POC that will be listed and let them know of your interest in volunteering. BTW, we always need a hand in range maintenance.

Speaking of volunteering, we will be holding a volunteer cleanup day from 1200 to 3PM on Saturday April 27th. At 4PM we will have our "hotdog day".

Attention Ladies –Ladies Day will be held on 5 May from 2 to 5 PM. Come out, bring your lady friends, and enjoy an afternoon of fun, sunshine (hopefully), and food. You don't have to be a Chapter member to enjoy the festivities. We'll supply guns and ammo. Our Range Safety Officers are there to instruct and ensure your safety. We'll also be doing door prizes and announcing the winner of our shotgun raffle. Best of all, you don't have to cook today as food will be served.

Veterans, are you aware Aynor has an American Legion Post? If you are looking to join a relatively new Legion post, contact Deborah Jespersen @ (843) 855-1065. She will give you information on joining American Legion Post 81.

There have been many volunteers for our major projects helping to get all this work completed at the Chapter: **Wall Installation:** Bill Olexa, Mike Ferrio, Randy Mulkey, Mike Pittman, Gavin Furlong, Dan Tamasi, Michael Romanick, Brian Koller, John Prelip, Will Ferch, Robert Batle, Stephen Woodard, Jack and Mary Jo Schneider, Richard Cote, Jim Becka, A. Audino, Jerry (Deuces) & Dianne Moore, Larry & Pam Richards, Joe Vitale, Tom & Linda Benway, Bill & Donna Jansson, Rich and Caroline Chiuminato, Kevin Dury and Mike Lexleur. **Facility Access Pass processing:** Jerry (Deuces) & Dianne Moore, Rich & Caroline Chiuminato, Pam Richards, Leslie Granito, Brian Koller, Bill & Donna Jansson, Tom Noll, Jerry Jacobus, Jack & Mary Jo Schneider

The ATA will be held on 6 April, **Cowboy Action** is 20 April, and **Our Monthly Pistol Match** is on Saturday 27 April 10 AM. Bring your favorite pistol and come out and enjoy the action, Range Cleanup 27 April and Ladies Day 5 May.

Please remember to sign in upon arrival and use the provided envelopes to pay your fees. Also, please ensure that all doors and windows are firmly secured and locked if you are the last person to leave the REC.

We have some great sponsors, and we hope you continue to support them. . Seed Slinger's is sponsoring our Rifle Range. They do hydroseeding and excavation work. Their number is (843) 331-0697, Window World owner and Chapter member Scott DeHollander sponsors berm #4 where Cowboy Action is located. If you are in the market for new or replacement windows or doors, stop by their offices at 4655-A Highway 17 South, Jonathan Shanks, P. A., Attorney and Counselor at Law in Surfside Beach sponsors the REC. He 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's also been a life member 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. Grand Strand Moisture Solutions sponsors the Trap Field and specializes in Crawl Space Encapsulation and Mold Remediation. Let fellow member Danny know you are a Chapter member and let's not forget our friends at Terry's Hardware in Conway sponsoring Berm #5.

Donations: The Chapter is seeking donations of factory new ammunition in .22, .45 ACP, .9mm, .223 and 5.56, and we can always use OSB/plywood or 2x4's for our backstops. Your donations are how we support activities like the Pioneer/Ladies and Veterans Day Events. Life member, Fara Fink, a previous range sponsor, 2 boxes of .9mm ammo; Bette Bryson and Richard and Joan Kramer, sound bars; Dave Daily ink for printer, Sam and Betty Jones lumber and OSB, Stu Chan and James LaFlamme donated ammo. The FFA gave a cash donation and eye and ear protection/