



# 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"

**September 2023**

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

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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. NOTE: Regular shooting hours are now 9AM until 4PM. Please note that there will be no Big 50 in September due to the Chapter Craft Fair.**

**Our next meeting is 28 September 2023 at 7PM.** We will have our pot-luck dinner, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Range orientation is held at 5PM on meeting nights, or by appointment Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday. Participants are to bring eye/ear protection, a pistol and 3 rounds of ammunition. Keys are sold prior to the meeting. The price is \$60.00 or \$50.00 for veterans with documentation. Turn in your old key when purchasing your new key **or you will be required to retake the Range Orientation class.** If your membership expires within two months of your key purchase, you will need to renew your membership along with your key purchase. Please see Ed Whitner to purchase tickets for our next raffle. It is a beautiful hand painted U.S. Flag on wood. **Please Note: Range shooting hours changed 1 September. The new hours are from 9AM until 4PM through December 31st.**

**We had our Overnight Pioneer event** 13-14 August with 13 Pioneers. John Prelip gave the NRA Basic Pistol Course. Special thanks to Anna Kupracz-Kahn for organizing this event. Thanks to our RSO volunteers, Mike Ferrio, Dan Tamasi, Tom Benway, Richie Chiuminato and Bill Jansson, and our parent chaperons for all their assistance in making this a success. Anna has also agreed to become our new Pioneer Director. Your Board of Directors has voted to approve funding for our new electronic gates. The SCDNR Hunter Safety Course was held on 19 August at Fork Retch. Thanks to National CEO Frank Oliver, National's Matt Herring and Horry Chapter's Bill Olexa for instructing the class and Linda Benway and Bill Olexa for organizing the course. We had 7 adults, and 9 pioneers participate, with all 16 students passing the course.

**September 9th is the 2023 Chapter Craft Fair & Flee Market** between 1000 and 3 PM. We need volunteers before and on the day of the event. Contact Linda Benway via email @ [lbenway2017@gmail.com](mailto:lbenway2017@gmail.com) or on her cell phone 973-800-4817. Additionally, tables are still available.

**A CWP class will be held 30 September starting at 8 AM.** Cost is \$70.00. Participants must bring a pistol, a minimum of 50 rounds of ammunition, eye/ear protection, and a strong, side holster, belt, and reading glasses (if necessary). There's a 20-person limit. Reservations require a \$35 nonrefundable deposit. Contact Eddie Whitner, Jr. @ (843)421-0001 for reservations and deposit.

**NEXT MONTH IS ELECTION MONTH!!!** Voting for the Board of Directors is coming up in October. If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors and want your name on the Voting Ballot or be nominated for President – let one of the Election Committee Members know of your interest by the end of

September's meeting night. They are John Wren, Richy Chiuminato, and Tom Benway. (Board members up for reelection are Bobby Stubbs and Mike Ferrio).

**Along with elections comes the annual photo contest:** Please remember to get your photo entries into the Chapter by the September meeting. Subject matter is any form of wildlife, nature, or landscapes, etc. No zoo or studio pictures. Photos can be color or B & W either 8x10 or 16x20 in size as smaller pictures are disqualified. Max of 5 photos may be submitted per participant. Include name, contact info and identified subject matter on the back.

**We will have a table at the Aynor Hoedown on 16 September.** Come on out and enjoy the fun day. While you're there, come visit our booth and say hi to our Ed. Whitner, Sr. so you can purchase your ticket for our Aynor Basket that contains \$500.

**Attention Archery Buffs!!!** We need someone interested in setting up an archery program within the Chapter. We've had several members ask about archery, so if you're interested, please let a Board Member or Chapter Officer know.

**There will be no Big 50 in September.** Our next big 50 will be in October. Our **monthly Cowboy Action** event is on 16 September, and **Our Monthly Pistol Match** is on Saturday 23 September at 10 AM. Bring your favorite pistol and come out and enjoy the action.

**Reminder:** Range Safety Officers are here to help you if needed. Please remember to re-lock the gate upon entry/exit. Also, ensure that all doors and windows are firmly secured and locked if you are the last person to leave. If you do not have your key, you will not be let in. Don't forget to sign in and use the provided envelopes to pay your fees.

**We have some great sponsors, and we hope you continue to support them.** We couldn't hold our special events without them. Window World owner and Chapter member Scott DeHollander just renewed their sponsorship of Cowboy Action on berm #4 so if you are in the market for new or replacement windows or doors, stop by their offices at 4655-A Highway 17 South, Myrtle Beach. Need an attorney? Contact 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. Seed Slinger's is sponsoring our Rifle Range. They do hydroseeding and excavation work, 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. Their number is (843) 331-0697. and don't forget Terry's Hardware in Conway sponsoring Berm #5.

**Donations: We are seeking** donations for ammunition. Any caliber will be gratefully accepted. Your donations are how we continue to support our Pioneer/Ladies and Veterans Days and we appreciate your help in providing these donations. Thanks to Kevin Caldwell for his donations of cash and Shotgun Shells, Stu Chan for donating ammunition and Ron Westover and Steven Sile for their cash contributions.

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**Remember the kids are Back in School**  
**Please watch for School Buses and obey all traffic laws**