



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. NOTE: Regular shooting hours are now 9AM until 4PM.

Our next meeting is 26 October 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 at the seasonal reduced price of \$30.00. 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. While you are here, please see Ed Whitner so you can purchase your raffle tickets for the beautiful hand painted wooden 1776 American Flag plaque. **Please remember that there is to be no shooting after 4PM through December 31st.**

Hey, October is "Election Month" and two Board Member positions are up for new 3-year terms starting Jan 2024. Your election ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. Family memberships get 4 votes while individual memberships get 2 votes. You can split votes between the candidates. For your vote to be counted your ballot needs to be received at our P.O. Box by late AM on 26 October. You can also bring your ballot to the October meeting or pick up a ballot at the meeting should you forget to bring or mail your copy. You must print your name on your ballot, or it can't be counted. Voting ends at 7PM meeting night.

Those of us that purchased pelicans' playoff tickets had 2 fun nights at the ballpark. Unfortunately, they got blown out in our second game ending their season. As most of you know we were closed for a few days due to flooding of pistol berms and especially Trap 1. Thanks to Mike Ferrio, Dan Tamasi, Tom Benway and Dave Daily for all the work that was put in to get us operational again. Without their dedication, our chapter would have been out Thousand of Dollars in repair bills. It's a shame that our Trap Shooters simply couldn't lend us a hand. Both the Craft Fair and the Aynor Hoedown were successes. Special thanks to Linda Benway for all her hard work on the Craft Fair, and to the Whitner family again on their Aynor Hoedown fund raising. At our meeting we had life member Debra Bufkin as a guest speaker. Debra is the Executive Director for the Winyah River Alliance. In addition to speaking a bit about her job of keeping our rivers clean, she spoke of recent contaminants found in our rivers. She also brought a container of items that can be used by Lesley and Paul in their boat launch cleanup efforts. She plans to have a boat launch cleanup effort shortly. Information will be passed along as she is hoping for your assistance.

Our Next Cleanup Day will be on 15 October from 1 to 5 PM. We will need to do some exterior painting, clean up the pistol berms, separate brass and tackle the cleanup of the REC. Come out and lend a hand.

Attention Veterans: Our next Veterans event will be held on 12 November from 1 to 5 PM. Bring out your veteran buddies and make an afternoon of it. Veterans don't have to be members, so tell your veteran friends. You need your hearing and eye protection along with your favorite gun(s) you want to shoot. Don't have one, we have guns for you

to try, along with the ammunition. As always, we can't send you home hungry, so dinner will be served at the end of the day.

While speaking of Veterans, I'm sure you have heard of Quilts of Valor and their presentations. If you or a veteran you know that has never received a Quilt of Valor, you can be nominated or nominate someone you know through Myrtle Beach Shore Birds. Nomination forms are on-line at their web site www.QOVP.org. Please let me know if you nominate someone so that your nomination form can be pulled out and identified as an Horry Chapter nominee. MB Shore Birds is run by Tom and Theresa Gouker. Also, if the nominee was awarded a Purple Heart, please indicate on the form as the MB Shore Birds are the only QOF organization that tries to incorporate the Purple Heart into your quilt. Should we get enough nominees, we can have a presentation ceremony here at our Chapter.

Aynor also has its own American Legion, Post 81. They will be holding Veteran's Day Golf Victory Lap for Veterans on 11 November at Hackler Golf Course with a 0700 registration. A flyer is on our bulletin board for those interested.

The ATA will return on 7 Oct; The next **big 50** will be is 14 October. Our **monthly Cowboy Action** event is on 21 October, and **Our Monthly Pistol Match** is on Saturday 28 October at 10 AM. Bring your favorite pistol and come out and enjoy the action.

We have some great sponsors, and we hope you continue to support them. We couldn't hold our special events without them. 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. 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, and don't forget Terry's Hardware in Conway sponsoring Berm #5.

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.

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 Doc Spain for his donation of .40mm Shells, Fara Fink for her donation of targets, .9mm ammo and holsters, Ronald Westover for a cash donation, Kevin Caldwell for Ammo and a cash donation, Al Ruggerio for Ammo and a gun, Terry Lewis and Stew Chan for ammo, and Bath and Body Works for a small basket of soap and lotion.

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