



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 currently 9AM until 4PM.

No meeting is scheduled for December due to the Holidays, rather; The Chapter Christmas Dinner/Awards Banquet will be held at Wild Wing Plantation Clubhouse on 7 Dec at 6PM. Hope to see you there.

Our next meeting is 25 January 2024 at 7PM. Although this is normally our "Key Night", we are waiting until our new gates are installed to pass along any information regarding purchase of the new "Access Pass". Old keys turn in will be required upon purchase or you will be required to retake the Range Orientation Course. We will have our pot-luck dinner, but please look on our web page under the electronic newsletter where you will find a link for "potluck". On it you can see what items are needed for the meal. Please indicate what you will bring to share. Range orientation will be 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. We also return to our normal shooting hours on 1 January, 9AM until Dusk.

We had another excellent turnout at our annual Veteran's Day Shoot on 12 November. Mother Nature brightened the day for the veterans that participated. Whether shooting pistols, shotguns or the special guns brought in just for this occasion all had a great time. Best of all, every branch of the U. S. military services was represented. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served at the end of the day. Special thanks to all the volunteers that made the day "special" for all veterans that attended.

A CWP class will be held 6 January 2024 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.

Meeting Notes: Brian called the meeting to order. Denis McCorry gave the opening prayer and Brian led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members were then treated to an excellent Thanksgiving meal. Special thanks to Dan Tamasi and Brian Koller for cooking the turkeys. Brian thanked those that have supported him as President and announced that Bill Jansson will become our new President for 2024. Members were reminded that there will be no meeting in December but instead that our Annual Christmas /Award dinner is being held at Wild Wing Plantation on Thursday 7 December at 6PM. We are still accepting donations for CCAP. They may be left on the table by the center door. Veterans were also asked to submit nominations to the Myrtle Beach Shore Birds regarding Quilts of Valor. WLA National will have their fund-raising event on 17 February in Mullins. Tickets to the event are \$100.00 per couple and include 2 steak dinners. See Linda Benway for seating reservations if interested. The cost for the 2024 Access Pass will increase to \$75.00/\$65.00 for veterans. The reason for the increase is that WLAHC has been hit by the inflation bug like everyone else. We have

increased insurance costs, electricity, gas for equipment and supply purchases. We also need several property upgrades that will include new roofs to the Trap Houses, a new canopy for Trap #1, just to name a few.

Sadly, we need to pass condolences on the passing of Dave Rudy. Dave and his wife Valerie have been members of the Chapter since October 2018. Sadly, Horry Chapter lost our mascot and honorary/member "Wally", the companion of Mark Bara, who passed away a few weeks ago. Please keep Mark and the Rudy families in your prayers.

The Pioneer event scheduled for 19 November has been rescheduled. The new date is 3 December and will run from 9AM to 1PM. Pls contact Ania Kahn @ (845) 666-0556 for further information.

Chapter members Dave Daily, Lesley Granito, Paul Nussbickel and Brian Koller joined volunteers with the Winyah Rivers Alliance in cleaning Pitts Landing on 19 November. We collected 350 pounds of trash, or roughly 34 bags of trash. That is not counting a couch and mattress that were taken to the dump.

The ATA will be held on 2 December; **No Big 50 for December!** **Cowboy Action** event is 16 December, and **Our Monthly Pistol Match** is on Saturday 23 December at 10 AM. Bring your favorite pistol and come out and enjoy the action. (Note: Ranges will be closed on 17 December for a private event. There will be no Trap or Skeet on Christmas Eve, 24 December or New Years Eve, 31 December.) **There will be no ATA in January!!**

We have some great sponsors, and we hope you continue to support them.

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. Their number is (843) 331-0697, Window World owner and Chapter member Scott DeHollander just renewed their sponsorship of Cowboy Action on Berm #4. 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 and 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. Remember, sign in first and use the provided envelopes to pay your fees.

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. Palmetto Armory donated two cases of .9mm for our Veterans Day Shoot, Seedslingers renewed their sponsorship of the Rifle Range, McLeod Health gave a cash donation, Boyd Butz-ammo, Glen Shook-Ammo for the Veterans Shoot, Stu Chan Ammo and a steel target, and Ron Westover a cash donation.

**The Chapter' Executive Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas
and a safe and Happy New Year**