

QUANTICO SHOOTING CLUB 400 5th Avenue; P. O. Box 212 Quantico, Virginia 22134

September 2021 Newsletter Summer is drawing to a close!

Being a member of a shooting club is different than simply going to a range to shoot. The fate of a club, and whether it succeeds or fails, depends largely on membership participation. The greater the participation, the more a club can accomplish, and the number and variety of events increases. Unfortunately, the opposite is true as well. If no one volunteers, then club activities decrease, and accordingly so does membership satisfaction. The Quantico Shooting Club, your Club, is no different. There is so much more that the Club could accomplish if the members participated in the organization and operation of the various events. There is virtually no limit to what the Club can do, or the type and number of matches and ranges that we operate, if members volunteer to assist. If your favorite range doesn't open one weekend, or your shooting match gets cancelled at the last minute, it is usually because the Club experienced a volunteer shortfall. If you enjoy shooting as much as I do, try and get more involved in the organization and running of the club. It will make a world of difference!

It is not too soon to start thinking about nominations for your 2022 Board of Directors. Club elections are conducted during the January Annual Membership Meeting and a Nomination Committee will stand up following the October Quarterly Meeting. If you want to have more say in the direction that the club is taking, consider running for one of the club officer positions. All board positions are open for nomination. Additional volunteer positions are on the Audit Committee, Range Scheduler, Range Safety Officers, and Office Administration.

August witnessed some superb rifle and pistol shooting events with an increasing number of guests attending the matches. The Board thanks our Match Directors again for their volunteer efforts to improve the quality of the club matches and the reputation of the QSC. If members have questions about the match events and how to assist, please contact the Match Directors:

- USPSA Tim Hichak <u>timothy.hichak@quanticoshootingclub.com</u>
- SCSA Kevin Shannon <u>kevin.shannon@quanticoshootingclub.com</u>
- Centerfire PRS Tim Hichak <u>timothy.hichak@quanticoshootingclub.com</u>
- Rimfire PRS Kendon Freeman <u>kendon.freeman@quanticoshootingclub.com</u>
- .22LR Youth Activities Kendon Freeman kendon.freeman@quanticoshootingclub.com
- CMP/GSM/EIC Rifle Richard Martinez <u>richard.martinez@quanticoshootingclub.com</u>

The Base Commander has approved the club's match schedule for the remainder of the year and the website calendar has already been updated to reflect this schedule. This month's matches include:

- 11-12 Sept Vintage Sniper Rifle Range 4
- 11-12 Sept USPSA Pistol SAT Range
- 18 Sept .22cal LR PRS / MARS Rifle Range 1
- 25 Sept Centerfire PRS Rifle Range 4
- 26 Sept Steel Challenge Pistol SAT Range

The club continues to work on various improvements to the Shotgun Range and Clubhouse. The Board recognizes **Robert Mayer** for the hours of personal time invested in adjusting target throwers and installing wireless controls on the skeet fields. We are thankful to have his knowledge and skills available to keep the target throwers operational. **John Monaccio** turned himself green while spray staining the wood fencing

separating the fields, then trimmed and edged the pathways, and spruced up the clubhouse exterior with a pressure washer, cleaning away years of dirt and grime. Additionally, many thanks to **Jeff and Susie Ludwig**, and **Ty and MaryJo Yanvary** who kept the shotgun fields mowed throughout the Summer. Lasty, we want to thank **Frank Pannell** for donating his time to install new electrical circuits and outlets and **William "Monty" Brown** for donating his time to install the mini-split HVAC system in the clubhouse ensuring the clubhouse stayed cool throughout the Summer heat!

The club remains on solid financial ground and the membership roster seems to be hovering around 1300 members. If you are new to the club, the website calendar tab should be one of your first stops when you enter <u>www.quanticoshootingclub.com</u>. After the Home page it contains all the information you will need regarding upcoming range availability, matches, and other events. <u>Do not forget to "drill down" into the links on the calendar for details on the events</u>.

The club continues to have volunteer Range Safety Officer shortages. If a range isn't open on the weekend, it is because we didn't have enough volunteer RSOs to open it. If you are interested in ensuring ranges are open, please contact: <u>RSOTraining@quanticoshootingclub.com</u>. The process is easier than you think.

Recently, MCBQ and the WTBN rededicated Range 305 in honor of Colonel William A. "Ironman" Lee. Colonel Lee enlisted the USMC in 1918 and fought in World War I, Nicaragua, and World War II, retiring in 1950. He was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism in combat with an armed enemy force not once but three times. Additional awards include three Purple Hearts and the POW medal. He was an expert marksman in every infantry weapon system and clearly set the example for all Marines to emulate. Now you know the story of Colonel William "Ironman" Lee and the range dedicated in his honor.



We look forward to seeing you on the ranges again soon! Get out and shoot!

Clint Anderson President Quantico Shooting Club September 2021