



Harrisburg Hunters' And Anglers'

March 2009

Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association

Meeting 1st Tuesday
each month 7pm

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OFFICE HOURS

The club office will be
open Saturdays
from 2pm to 4pm.

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President's Pen

We are already a third of the way into this new year with a new President of our country and a majority congress that does not look kindly on our sports, our past times, and, for some, our livelihood. We must all stay vigilant in watching what is going on in Washington and let our legislators know how we feel. Do not hesitate, or procrastinate, in these un-



certain times, as our rights are at stake. It looks like the attack on our rights is being renewed and we must not become complacent.

See you at the club,

Jerry

Important News

The updated club by-laws/range rule booklet is now available in the club house info rack next to the entrance door. Please take time to get your copy the next time you're at the club, as it contains the latest changes to the club by-laws and range rules. There have been many important changes since the last printing. Get your copy as soon as possible and update yourself about your club.

Club Work Parties

Work parties will be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, starting at 8am. Please come out and volunteer your time to help make improvements to your club.

MEMBERSHIP

MEETING

The program for the March 3rd general meeting will be the annual Big Fish Contest Awards. Light refreshments will be served.

OFFICE HOURS

The club office is open on Saturdays from 2pm to 4 pm. Day guest passes, club license plates, pins, club calendars, and targets are available at that time. New member orientation will be presented on Saturdays at 2:15pm and 3:00pm without appointment.

WEATHER WATCH

In case of inclement weather, watch WHTM Channel 27 News for cancellation of meetings.

BLACK POWDER

Winter League has started and there is still plenty of time to come out and join us. Even if you don't want to join the league, you can still shoot for fun. Shooting starts at 8:00am on Sundays. We now have T-shirts available with the Beaver Creek Muzzleloaders logo. Be sure to get one before they're all gone!

We would like to thank Jim Nuhfer for donating a flintlock and a caplock rifle for the youth programs. Those rifles will be put to good use!

There will be an NRA Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Course on Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th,. This course is free to youth. Anyone interested should contact Kirk Lybarger.

For more information about Black Powder shooting, call Bill at 512-9796, Charlie at 545-4979, or Kirk at 943-0531, email kalybarger@hotmail.com.

NOVELTY SHOOT

A Novelty Shoot will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2009 from 1pm to 3pm in the indoor range. We shoot Luck Targets (e.g., poker, random, numbers, bowling pins, coins, pool balls, darts, bullseyes, etc.) at 50'. Normally we use .22 caliber pistols, but this time we're using 9mm caliber centerfire pistols or revolvers. If you don't have a 9mm gun, bring a .38/.357 or .380. Scopes are ok. No holster required. Two-hand hold may be used. Cost is \$2 per target with a 50% payback to the shooters, using the Lewis Classification System. Shoot as many relays as you like. First-time shooters are WELCOME and it is open to the public. It's easy and it's fun. Don't miss it! Come on out and join us, and bring a friend with you. Norm Templin, 561-0454

FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET

On Saturday, April 4th, the Cumberland Valley Friends of NRA 17th Annual Sportsman's Banquet will be held at the Hotel Carlisle and Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle. Cocktail reception, games, and raffle sales start at 4pm. Buffet dinner at 6pm, followed by a live auction, silent auction, and various drawings and raffles. Dinner tickets are \$40 each, or \$75 for a couple. Sponsor and shooter packages are also available. This is a fun and worthwhile event, since the some of money raised for the NRA Foundation generally comes back to our club through NRA grants for our youth programs, range improvements, etc. Many of our lucky attendees of past events have taken home some very nice, limited edition firearms, and other desirable collectibles and unique merchandise from the raffles and auctions! You might be the next lucky winner!

Please let Jerry Dougherty know at 319-8666 as soon as possible if you would like to attend, so he can reserve a seat for you at the HH&A tables.

Wanted

We will need a new newsletter editor starting with the November 09 issue. Contact Cliff Tooker at 704-0246 or tooker17@comcast.net if interested. He can fill you in on what a fun job this is. Really!! A computer and the ability to cut and paste. All you need.

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING

The new heating units in the clubhouse are doing a great job. We have burned less than half the amount of fuel oil compared to previous years and the electric bills have only increased a small percentage from last year. That was money well spent, especially when you consider we now have air conditioning for the hot summer meeting



HH&A Capitol 900 Pistol Match

Steve Gibbons (on left)
overall match winner
with a score of 872-
26x receiving his medal
from Kevin Musa match
director.

ACTION PISTOL

The 2009 season will begin in April. Match dates (all 2nd Saturdays) are as follows: April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, and September 12. Come on out and shoot some steel plates, bowling pins, and silhouette targets with us. More information is available on the web site at:

<http://www.harrisburghunters.org/Disciplines/Action%20Pistol/steelplate.htm>.

We are looking for anyone who would like to get involved and help run the matches. Please let me know if you are interested. Also, as always, we need lots of help setting up and tearing down for the matches. If available, please show up early or stay late to help out ... it is this much needed help that makes the matches possible. And lastly, we will be holding a work party sometime in March to flip the pepper popper faces, paint anything that needs painting, and build some new target stands. Will advise date and time later by email. Please let me know if you plan to help. Thanks, Craig Girsch, email cr.girsch@verizon.net.

Schedule change for Smallbore Silhouette:

The start of the Smallbore Silhouette matches will begin on May 10, 2009, as the March match was eliminated for 2009 and the April match would fall on the same day as Easter. We look forward to seeing many participants in May. Robert Swartz (717)697-0407 rls8@verizon.net

BB GUN

HH&A BB Gun program had 4 teams compete in the Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show. The results concerning the competition will not be available until the end of February. Practices will continue to be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the indoor archery range. On April 18, 2009, HH&A will be the host for the PA BB Gun State Championship. The indoor pistol and indoor archery ranges will be closed during this time. For more information, please contact Burt "Rusty" Stockton at 717-566-2559 or email stock1966@paonline.com.

MAY PROGRAM - HHA member John Hill will present a slide show of his African safari at our May 5 meeting. After 40 years of wishing and one year of serious preparation, John hunted in Mpumalanga province of South Africa with Engonyameni professional hunter Daanie van Graan. Watch, listen and ask questions as John takes you through the entire experience including the preparations, accommodations, hunting, and taxidermy. Come to hear about the people, the experiences and the big game (warthogs, impala, blue wildebeest and greater kudu). Cheers John

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CLUB NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

The club is now able to provide advertising in the Newsletter. This service is open to members and nonmembers alike. The cost is \$15 per newsletter and should be business card size. If you're advertising something that you do not have a business card for, draft the ad yourself and send it to the club by email at hbghunters@verizon.org.



2007 Springfield Armory
Commemorative
M-1 Garand 30-06

Rifle commemorates the Battle for Iwo Jima and the raising of the American Flag on Mt Suribaci. Rifle stock, receiver, bolt and box are engraved depicting scenes of the combat. Includes 1942 bayonet/scabbard, original Rosenthal photo of Flag raising and Certificate of Authenticity. The serial no. is 1695 of 1945 made. Contact Jim Hartman at 717-657-4808 for more info and price.

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HI POWER RIFLE

The Hi Power season will start April 4 with an NRA First Steps class for the AR-15. This will be taught by NRA instructors and will introduce the student to shooting a high power match with the AR-15 rifle. During the class, a match will be fired on the 100 yard rifle range. There are new rules that apply to Hi Power shooting that were adopted this year by the NRA. Club rifles and ammo are available, as well as shooting scopes and mats. See the club website for registration materials. Season match dates are April 4, May 2, June 6, June 27, August 1, September 5, and October 3. Start time is 9am (except April 4).

This year we are adding a Sporter Rifle relay to the Hi Power Match. Any centerfire rifle weighing less than 9.5 lbs, equipped with a scope or iron sights, can be used to compete. Shooting from the standing, sitting, and prone positions, competitors fire 32 shots for record in slow fire and rapid fire. Match dates are May 2, June 6, June 27, August 1, September 5, and October 3. Start time is 10:30am, following the regular Hi Power match. For more information, visit the club web site, or contact Fred Rogers at 717-583-2680 or mrrogers@paonline.com, or Gerry Petrasic at gpetrasic86@comcast.net.

BIG BUCK CONTEST

The 2008 contest is over and we had 23 trophies entered this year. This year's bucks were all killed with either a bow or rifle, and in all three age categories (Junior, Adult and Senior). All the Junior hunters took their deer with a rifle, while 4 adult and 6 seniors used a rifle to take a buck. The Adult archery group had 7 entries and the Senior archers consisted of 3 successful hunters. Twelve of the bucks entered were killed in Dauphin County, including all 7 of the Adult archery bucks. Other counties represented were Butler, Sullivan, Jefferson (2), Adams, Cameron, Lycoming, Perry (2), Mifflin, and Huntingdon. Of the 23 bucks scored, we had 6 gross score over 120 inches, with Dave Treghea shooting the largest one, an 8 point that scored 131 5/8 inches.

For a complete list of entrants and pictures from the awards night, please go to our website, to the Disciplines button, then Rifle, then Big Buck Contest. I would like to say thank you to John Hoffer for all his help in scoring the antlers again this year, and also thanks goes out to Bass Pro Shops for their generosity in supporting our contest with some prizes and discounts on merchandise for the door prizes. Congratulations to all the successful hunters, and hope to see you all next year. Barry Peterson

Here are all of the winners:

Junior Rifle

Scott Kelly, 11 point, 127 0/8 inches

Reid Albright, 6 point, 53 1/8 inches

Gavin Albright, 4 point, 41 2/8 inches

Adult Rifle

Dave Treghea, 8 point, 131 5/8 inches

Fran Barilar, 10 point, 127 /8 inches

David Powley, 8 point, 93 5/8 inches

Adult Archery

Joseph Byrnes, 9 point, 127 2/8 inches

John Fogelsanger, 8 point, 114 6/8 inches

Bill Albright, 8 point, 113 5/8 inches

Senior Rifle

Ron Schaffer, 8 point, 123 5/8 inches

Elwood Parsons, 8 point, 121 1/8 inches

Darrel Walburn, 7 point, 92 2/8 inches

Senior Archery

Loyal Morris, 8 point, 111 2/8 inches

Mel Barnett, 8 point, 100 1/8 inches

Sam Mummert, 6 point, 86 1/8 inches

REMEMBER HHA IN YOUR WILL

RESULTS OF CAPITOL 900 PISTOL MATCH

Submitted by Eric L. Poole

We had a great turnout and a lot of fun at HH&A's Capital 900 Indoor Pistol Match held on January 18th. Seventy shooters competed for top prizes during six relays of .22 rimfire fired at the indoor range. When the dust settled, Steve Gibbons, a double distinguished shooter from Lewistown, PA was the match winner with a score of 872-26x. Steve was awarded a Blackinton Medal mounted in Lucite for being the overall winner. This was Steve's 2nd win in a row this year, having just won the New Year 900 Match at Mount Joy on January 11th. Great shooting, Steve! (Late breaking news ... I just found out that Steve also won the President's Day 900 Match at Palmyra on Feb 18th!) Vernon Ferguson was 1st High Master with 868-32x, Tom Mix was 1st Master with 860-17x, Scott Wert was 1st Expert with 866-24x, Joel Mackey was 1st Sharpshooter with 853-20x, and Kirk Anderson was 1st Marksman with 824-20x. Each was awarded a Blackinton Medal for being first in their class. Two Special Category awards were also given. Maryellen Herren was High Woman with 733-3x and Scott Shay was High Junior with 772-10x. They both received a Blackinton Medal for their fine shooting. Congratulations to all!

Special thanks goes out to the many volunteers who helped make the match a success, including those who did preparation of targets, registration, squadding, line calling, range safety, scoring, data entry, and range setup/teardown, and to the kitchen staff who put on a great breakfast and lunch for the hungry shooters.

Thanks, everyone!

And, last but not least, a very special thanks goes to Kevin Musa for directing our very first NRA-registered indoor pistol match, and to his wife Amy for her super statistical support. Without them, the match would have never taken place. Thanks very much, Kevin and Amy. Great job!

Pending NRA approval, Kevin says next year's match (maybe an 1800) will be held on Sunday, January 17th, so mark your calendars.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

If you attend the monthly meetings, and you all should at least occasionally, you will hear me give a report listing several different accounts we keep. The General Checking account is where the day to day business is done. This account gets income from all the events, membership and miscellaneous sources we have. The Capital Improvement Fund is a savings account that is funded solely from a set amount from each membership, whether it is a renewal or new application. Money is used from this account only for larger valued purchases or repairs around the club. Use of this money is only upon approval from the Board. The Life fund accounts are funded solely from Life membership income. We have one bank account with a small amount of Life Fund money, so we have quick easy access to it if needed, and the rest of it is invested in insured certificates to get some additional interest income. Interest earned from the Life accounts is transferred to the General Checking account each year.

As always, if anyone has any questions about the club's financials, just give me a call. Barry Peterson,

HOURS OF OPERATION

<u>Indoor Ranges and Club House:</u>	8 am - 10 pm
<u>Outdoor Ranges:</u>	
Monday thru Saturday:	7 am - Sunset
Sunday:	8 am - Sunset
(outdoor ranges must be cleared by sunset)	
Sunset: Mar. 1 st	5:59 pm
Mar. 15 th	6:15 pm
Mar. 31 st	6:31 pm

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND GUEST PASSES

Please remember, membership cards **MUST** be worn while using any club range. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Similarly, if you bring a guest, they **MUST** have a guest pass. Again, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. This requires that you plan ahead to purchase a guest pass from any director or from our caretaker whose phone number is posted at the clubhouse. If you're found with a guest using the ranges without a pass your membership can be terminated. These rules help us all by ensuring our club is safely enjoyed **ONLY** by our members and attended guests.

March Range Events Schedule

(Please email rstoner7@comcast.net to report errors in this table.)

Notes:
 ==> For safety, Hand Trap and Shotgun Patterning areas are closed during Black Powder Woodwalks.
 ** Black Powder range is in use but members are welcome to join the shoot and/or shoot on their own.

Event	Date	Day	Rifle - 25/50 yd	Rifle - 100 yd	Pistol - Bullseye	Pistol - PPC	Pistol - Indoor	Painting	Black Powder	Archery - Outside	Archery - Indoor
BP Winter League	3/1	Sun							8a-12p		
Air Rifle Program	3/2	Mon					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/2	Mon				11 a-6p	6a-12p				
Reserved	3/3	Tue				11 a-6p	6a-12p				
BB Gun Practice	3/4	Wed									6p-9p
Cleaning	3/4	Wed					12p-3p				
Pistol League	3/4	Wed					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/4	Wed				11 a-6p	6a-12p				
Junior Rifle	3/5	Thu					4p-9p				
BB Gun Practice	3/6	Fri									6p-9p
9mm Novelty Shoot	3/8	Sun					1p-3p				
BP Winter League	3/8	Sun							8a-12p		
Air Rifle Program	3/9	Mon					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/9	Mon				11 a-6p	6a-12p				
BB Gun Practice	3/11	Wed									6p-9p
Pistol League	3/11	Wed					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/11	Wed				11 a-6p	6a-12p				
Junior Rifle	3/12	Thu					4p-9p				
Reserved	3/12	Thu				7a-4p					
BB Gun Practice	3/13	Fri									6p-9p
Reserved	3/13	Fri				7a-4p					
BP Winter League	3/15	Sun							8a-12p		
Air Rifle Program	3/16	Mon					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/16	Mon				11 a-6p	6a-12p				
Reserved	3/17	Tue				7a-4p					
BB Gun Practice	3/18	Wed									6p-9p
Pistol League	3/18	Wed					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/18	Wed				7a-4p					
Junior Rifle	3/19	Thu					4p-9p				
Reserved	3/19	Thu					7a-4p				
BB Gun Practice	3/20	Fri									6p-9p
Reserved	3/20	Fri					7a-4p				
BP Winter League	3/22	Sun							8a-12p		
Air Rifle Program	3/23	Mon					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/23	Mon				11 a-6p	6a-12p				
BB Gun Practice	3/25	Wed									6p-9p
Pistol League	3/25	Wed					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/25	Wed		7a-4p							
Junior Rifle	3/26	Thu					4p-9p				
Reserved	3/26	Thu		7a-4p							
BB Gun Practice	3/27	Fri									6p-9p
Reserved	3/27	Fri		7a-4p							
Air Pistol Jr Olympic	3/28	Sat					7a-9p				7a-9p
BP Winter League	3/29	Sun							8a-12p		
Air Rifle Program	3/30	Mon					6p-9p				
Reserved	3/30	Mon		7a-4p							
Reserved	3/31	Tue		7a-4p							

Sheet Range	Trap Range
Thursdays 6pm - 8pm	Wednesdays 9am - 1pm
Wednesdays 12pm - 3pm	Fridays 9am - 1pm
Saturdays 9am - 12pm	Sundays 9am - 1pm
Sundays 12pm - 3pm	

BRASS RECYCLING PROGRAM

When at the ranges, please utilize the buckets provided for spent brass. This brass is recycled and all funds used to help fund all of the club's growing youth programs. We recycle this brass in two ways. All brass not suitable for reloading is sold to a salvage company, and the good brass is sold to re-loaders in the membership at very good prices. So, when at the ranges, please remember to support our youth programs and keep your ranges looking good by placing your spent brass in the brass buckets. Please do not place steel, aluminum, loaded cases or garbage in these buckets. Brass only!! Thank you for your support of your club's youth programs

CLUB PROGRAMS

Upcoming programs for general membership meeting nights:

**April - Presentation on Rousch Gap-Stony Creek
by Fred Rogers**

**May - Presentation on South African Safari
by John Hill**

CLUB 50/50 AND DRAWINGS

At the February 3rd general membership meeting, Elmer Ritchie won the 50/50 for \$61, and Jules Davis' name was drawn for \$250. Jules was at the meeting and received a check.

IN MEMORIAM

Fellow member and trap shooter Robert Miller passed away February 1st. Bob was a very active club member over the years and will be missed by all. Our condolences go out to Bob's family. Rest in peace, Bob.

INDOOR PISTOL RANGE CLOSING

The indoor pistol range will be closed on Friday, April 17th, starting at 12:00pm, to set up for the State BB Gun Championship. The indoor pistol and archery ranges will be closed for the state championship Saturday April 18th.

MARCH CLUB DINNER

March 14th, 4pm to 5pm - Chicken Pot Pie dinner. Donation \$8.50.

Come on out and join us for a great meal!

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