



Harrisburg Hunters' And Anglers'

April 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

As spring starts to bring us warmer weather, all of the club's ranges will see much more traffic from all of you. I want to remind all members that you are the eyes and ears of your club. I'm asking all members to keep an eye out for any unsafe gun handling, any non-members on our ranges, or any act that could place your club in jeopardy, and report it to the clubhouse phone machine with as much information as you can get



for the Board of Directors to identify who did the act. Remember to always wear your membership card so all can see it, it's a club rule and it's for the protection of all our interests.

See you at the club,
Jerry

Renewal Reminder

If you haven't renewed your club membership for 2008, you are now late. Renewals started in October for the 2009 calendar year. Renewals will be accepted until April 30th with a \$20 late fee. After April 30th, the new member application process will have to be completed. No exceptions!

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 April 7th general meeting will be on Rousch Gap-Stony Creek by Fred Rogers. 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.

CLOSING OF SHEESLEY LAKE

Sheesley Lake will be closed for fishing from April 18th through June 12th.

BLACK POWDER

Winter league has ended, now we are totaling the scores and getting ready to hand out the awards at the picnic in June.

There will be an NRA Basic Muzzleloading Rifle Course on Friday, April 24th at 6:00pm and Saturday, April 25th at 8:00am. The course is free to youth, ages 8 to 18, and open to the public. The youth will be able to shoot throughout the summer for NRA qualifications.

For more information, call Kirk at 943-0531

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.

PALMYRA FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET

This year's banquet will be held at the Grantville Holiday Inn on Sunday, May 17th. The tickets are \$30.00 per person. The doors will be opening at 4:00pm and the meal will be served at 6:00pm. Come on out and join in on the fun for this very worthwhile cause. There will be raffles, gun drawings, silent auctions, live auctions, games and more.

If anyone is interested in buying tickets, underwriting merchandise, or being a sponsor, please contact Kip Klinger at kipklinger@verizon.net or call 717-272-2971 (home phone). There are only two hundred tickets available, so please get yours as soon as possible before they are sold out.

If you plan on going, please let Jerry Dougherty know, so he can save you a seat at the HH&A reserved tables.

BIG FISH CONTEST WINNERS

The awards ceremony for the 2008 Big Fish Contest was held on March 3rd. There were 47 winners in 2008. Sixteen of the winners were 16 years of age or younger, with the youngest winner being 3 years old.

Winner's names with photos are shown on our web site at:

http://www.harrisburghunters.org/Disciplines/Angling/Big%20Fish%20Contest/big_fish_contest.htm

REMEMBER HHA IN YOUR WILL

YOUTH FIELD DAY

The Capital Area Sportsmen for Youth Field Day will be held on Saturday, June 20th, starting at 7:00am. All ranges at the club will be closed all day on Friday, June 19th for setup and all day on Saturday for the event. If you can volunteer some time to help, please contact Larry Mumment at 787-7015 or 469-0065.

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS FOR BB GUN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HH&A is generously hosting this year's BB Gun State Match. We are anticipating over 100 shooters from across the state, as well as their coaches, families, and friends. The match will be held on Saturday, April 18th and will run the entire day. We are seeking volunteers to help us ensure that this day runs smoothly and successfully for the youth shooters. We will need volunteers in many capacities, from running the raffle table, to sitting down and playing board games with the kids when they are not shooting, taking the tickets at dinner, or even manning the baked goods stand. We will also need a lot of help on Friday, April 17th, with the extensive set up for the match the next day (setting up tables and chairs, etc.) or even picking up supplies for the match that have been ordered. In whatever capacity, or for whatever amount of time you are able to volunteer, we would greatly appreciate it. Please let either Kirk Lybarger (lomax400@yahoo.com or 943-0531) or Rusty Stockton (stock1966@paonline.com or 566-2559) know if you are interested.

Also, we are seeking donations for our raffle table. The raffle table is used to help offset the cost of hosting the state match. We are looking for any item that a youth aged 8 to 15 might be interested in. You can donate cash for the purpose of the raffle, and we will purchase items with the cash. You can also donate gift certificates to local businesses, especially restaurants. It does not have to be hunting related. The kids are each given one free raffle ticket with their registration to the match, and this is certainly a big highlight of their day. We will also have tickets on sale throughout the day, and draw the winners at the end of the match. If interested, please see either Kirk or Rusty. Thank you in advance for your consideration!!

BB GUN

We are continuing to practice in the indoor archery range on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. We will be holding additional practices prior to the State match; please check the calendar for dates and times. The shooters are now getting ready to shoot an NRA postal match that we do every year. On Sunday, April 5th, we will be shooting in the Boyertown Spring Fling Match at Boyertown Rod and Gun Club. All this is, of course, in preparation for the big event, the PA BB Gun State Championship. On Saturday, Match 28th, we participated in the NRA postal match, the results will be posted in June on the NRA website. We want to congratulate Collin Werner and Brian Stockton for earning their NRA Distinguished Expert Award in March. All of our shooters are earning NRA Qualification Awards. For more information, contact Burt "Rusty" Stockton at 566-2559 or stock1966@paonline.com.

Sports Show Match results: HH&A had 4 teams entered in this match, and they placed 5th, 7th, 10th, and 16th out of 16 teams. We have a young group this year, with many first-time shooters. This match was the first competition for many of our shooters. We are quite proud of all of our shooters. We are extremely proud of our teams #1 and #2. Team #1 had a perfect team test score of 500 on the educational and safety material, and team #2 had a score of 496. Our teams #3 and #4 tied for 9th with a score of 472. So, not only can the shooters compete very well, they are also learning gun safety and this shows that.

BB GUN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP -- INDOOR RANGE CLOSED

This year, the State match is being hosted by HH&A on Saturday, April 18th, and it will be an all day event. On Friday, April 17th, we will be preparing the clubhouse, indoor archery range, and indoor pistol range for the championship, and the indoor pistol and archery ranges will be closed for setup. On Saturday, April 18th, the indoor pistol and archery ranges will be closed for the match, and the clubhouse will be full of many shooters, parents, and coaches from around the state participating in this annual event. Signs will be posted around the clubhouse informing everyone when the indoor pistol range and indoor archery range will be closed. We will also have the dates marked on the club's calendars. For more information, contact Burt "Rusty" Stockton at 566-2559 or stock1966@paonline.com.

ACTION PISTOL

The 2009 knockdown steel plate season will begin on Saturday, April 11th. Come on out and have some fun with us. Relays at 9:00am and 1:00pm. Mandatory safety briefings 30 minutes prior to start of relays. Ear and eye protection required for shooters and spectators. Match dates (all 2nd Saturdays) are as follows: April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, and September 12. 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.

Thanks, Craig Girsch, email cr.girsch@verizon.net.

PISTOL NEWS

Winter League is still active and always looking for more shooters, especially juniors and ladies. We need the junior shooters to carry on the sport when we more mature shooters decide to retire. Since there are two teams at HH&A, there is a match every Wednesday evening at the indoor range. Either State or AMP will be there, so if you are interested please stop by and check us out.

The WPPL banquet will be held on May 9th at the Embers in Carlisle. Price and menu will be announced at a later date. Carlisle is hosting the banquet this year.

Summer League is just around the corner. The date for the practice match is April 29th and the official start of Summer League is May 6th. Be sure to mark your calendar with these important dates.

The Walt Wise Match will be here before we know it. Practice is Friday afternoon, September 18th, and the match will be Saturday & Sunday, the 19th & 20th.

Any questions, please contact Kay Bischof at kay007@comcast.net.

ANNUAL WORKER'S APPRECIATION BANQUET

On Saturday, February 28th, we held the annual Worker's Appreciation Banquet for calendar year 2008. There were 77 workers in attendance. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed great food, trivia quizzes, door prizes, and camaraderie.

The highlight of the evening was the addition of Frank Hannich's and the late Jack Luckenbaugh's names on the Dick Rabold Memorial Pistol Award Plaque for their many years of dedicated service to the club, and to Bullseye pistol shooting in particular. This memorial is to preserve not only Dick's name, but also the names of all the others for their dedication, and to inspire similar conduct for those who follow. Frank was in attendance and very humbly thanked everyone for the honor.

There was a 50/50 drawing, which the club's half has traditionally been donated to the Capital Area Sports For Youth (CASFY) program. Rick Dare was the lucky winner, and he very graciously donated his \$112 winnings to CASFY as well. Thanks, Rick!

Please come out and donate some of your time to help with club work parties, and you could be joining us next year at the worker's banquet!

MAY PROGRAM - HHA member John Hill will present a slide show of his African safari at our May 5th meeting. After 40 years of wishing and one year of serious preparation, John hunted in Mpumalanga province of South Africa with Engonyameni professional hunter Dannie 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.

RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS RALLY

The 4th annual Right to Keep and Bear Arms Rally kicks off at 10:00am on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the State Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg, PA.

Let's keep Second Amendment Liberty in Pennsylvania, Second to None! Rally hosted by State Representative Daryl Metcalfe. Invited speakers include NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America Larry Pratt, Chairman of Firearms Owners Against Crime Kim Stolfer, Executive Director of PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Melody Zullinger, and many others.

Mark your calendars now to attend. Pro-Second Amendment Organization signs only, please. For more information, go to: www.repmetcalfe.com.

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HI POWER RIFLE

This year's match bulletin is posted on our club's web site. The dates are April 4, May 2, June 6, June 27, August 1, September 5, and October 3. Matches start at 9:00am (except April 4). Service rifles like the AR-15, M1A, and M1 Garand are used to shoot in slow and rapid fire courses of fire in the standing, sitting, and prone positions. Matches are 50 shots for record. The cost is \$15. Club rifles are available to use at no charge, as well as some shooting mats and spotting scopes. .223 ammo and match grade ammo is available for purchase.

This year we are adding a Sporter rifle relay following the regular Hi Power relay. Rifles to be used are any center-fire rifle with scopes or iron sights, such as your deer rifle. The match is a 32 round match in the standing, sitting, and prone positions. No special shooting equipment is allowed, except what you might wear while hunting. The cost for the match is \$10. For more information, contact Fred Rogers, 717-583-2680, mrrogers@paonline.com.

RELOADING CLASS -- RIFLE & PISTOL CARTRIDGES

There will be an NRA Basic Reloading Class for Metallic Cartridges held at the HH&A clubhouse on Saturday, May 16th, from 9:00am to 6:00pm by NRA Certified Instructors. This 8-hour class teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to safely reload metallic cartridges. The cost for the class is \$50. It covers the instruction, the NRA Reloading textbook, NRA Safety Rules pamphlet, reloading supplies for the class and use of all reloading equipment.

Topics include introduction to reloading and reloading safety, using the reloading manual and reloading data, selecting and setting up reloading equipment, requirements for a basic reloading bench, and actual reloading and firing of live, hand-loaded pistol and rifle cartridges by the students.

An NRA Certificate of Completion will be awarded for successfully completing the course. This class is intended for beginning reloaders and is designed to teach everything necessary to begin your own reloading of metallic cartridges. Class size is limited. For more information or to register for the class, contact Fred Rogers, 717-583-2680, mrrogers@paonline.com.

NRA FIRST STEPS CLASS

There will be an NRA First Steps class for the AR-15 on April 4th at 8:30am at the clubhouse. Participants will learn about the AR-15 rifle and how to compete in a NRA Hi Power Rifle match. Class will be taught by NRA certified instructors. The cost is \$20 which includes the class material and ammunition for a Hi Power match. Bring your own lunch. Club rifles are available to use at no charge. Those 18 and under are free. This class was made possible by a grant from the Friends of the NRA. Registration forms are available from the club web site. For more information, contact Fred Rogers at mrrogers@paonline.com or 583-2680.

WOODS WALK NOVELTY SHOOT

A Novelty Shoot will be held on Sunday, April 19th, starting at 1:00pm at the Black Powder Woods Walk Range. Test your hunting skills on a variety of steel animal targets set at various distances. Any center-fire, pistol-caliber handgun up to 45 caliber may be used, except no magnum loads (e.g., 357mag and 44mag) and no scopes/red dots are allowed - iron sights only. Entry fee is \$5, with a 50% payback to shooters using the Lewis Classification System (Classes A, B, and C). There will be six timed shots at each of the ten targets, so bring 60 rounds of ammunition - lead bullets only, so we don't damage the steel targets. If you reload and save your brass, this is a match where you might want to break out the revolver. It's hard to find ejected brass cases in the woods! As usual, our Novelty Shoots are open to the public, so please bring a friend with you. We haven't had a woods walk match for several years, so don't miss this one!

Please be at the PPC Range by 12:30pm to register. Mandatory safety briefing at 12:50pm. The woods walk will start promptly at 1pm. **Note: The Hand Trap and Shotgun Patterning Area will be closed during this event.**

Any questions, contact Eric Poole at 766-3625, or email ericpoole@verizon.net.

March Range Events Schedule

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

Event	Date	Day	Rifle - 25/50 yd	Rifle - 100 yd	Pistol - Bullseye	Pistol - PPC	Pistol - Indoor	Pinning	Black Powder	Archery - Outside	Archery - Indoor
BB Gun Practice	4/1	Wed									6p-9p
Cleaning	4/1	Wed					9a-12p				
Pistol League	4/1	Wed					6p-9p				
BB Gun Practice	4/3	Fri									6p-9p
NRA AR-15 Clinic	4/4	Sat		8a-4p							
Reserved	4/6	Mon					7a-4p				
Reserved	4/7	Tue					7a-4p				
BB Gun Practice	4/8	Wed									6p-9p
Pistol League	4/8	Wed					6p-9p				
Reserved	4/8	Wed					7a-4p				
BB Gun Practice	4/9	Thu									6p-7p
BB Gun Practice	4/10	Fri									6p-9p
Steel Plate Match	4/11	Sat				8a-4p			8a-4p		
BB Gun Practice	4/12	Mon									6p-7p
BB Gun Practice	4/15	Wed									6p-9p
Pistol League	4/15	Wed					6p-9p				
BB Gun Practice	4/16	Thu									6p-7p
BB Gun State Match	4/17	Fri					12p-11p				12p-11p
Reserved	4/17	Fri				12p-3p	8a-12p				
BB Gun State Match	4/18	Sat					6a-11p				6a-11p
Reserved	4/20	Mon				12p-3p	8a-12p				
BB Gun Practice	4/22	Wed									6p-9p
BB Gun Practice	4/24	Fri									6p-9p
Reserved	4/28	Tue				12p-3p	8a-12p				
BB Gun Practice	4/29	Wed									6p-9p
Pistol League	4/29	Wed			6p-9p						
Reserved	4/30	Thu				12p-3p	8a-12p				

HOURS OF OPERATION

Indoor Ranges and Club House: 8 am - 10 pm
Outdoor Ranges:
 Monday thru Saturday: 7 am - Sunset
 Sunday: 8 am - Sunset
 (outdoor ranges must be cleared by sunset)
 Sunset: Apr. 1st 6:32 pm
 Apr. 15th 6:47 pm
 Apr. 30th 7:02 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.

Notes:

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

Skeet Range

Thursdays 6pm - 8pm
 Wednesdays 12pm - 3pm
 Saturdays 9am - 12pm
 Sundays 12pm - 3pm

Trap Range

Wednesdays 9am - 1pm
 Fridays 9am - 1pm
 Sundays 9am - 1pm

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 50/50 AND DRAWINGS

The 50/50 drawing of \$56 was won by Harold Crow. Joseph Magnelli's name was drawn for \$250 and Glen Williard's name was drawn for \$50. Neither member was present.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

The results to the Support Our Troops drive have been very good and we want to continue with this worthwhile cause. The first shipment has been sent and a response letter was received from SSGT Tim Wenrich, Platoon Sergeant/3rd Platoon with the USMC, thanking us for our generosity. Full text of the letter was in the February Newsletter. The box in the clubhouse is ready to be refilled, so let's get with it. These men and women are risking their lives to give us the freedom we sometimes don't even think about because we are so used to it. Our men & women in uniform need to know our support is behind them, and this is an excellent way to show it. There is a list in the clubhouse of the items needed; there is also a banner that will be included in the next mailing. Stop in and sign your name, so they know how many of us truly appreciate what they are doing for us. Please continue to support this worthy cause and bring your items to the clubhouse.

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