



December, 2023

Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association
Meeting 1st Tuesday
each month 7pm
6611 Hunters Run Rd.
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717-545-6834
www.HarrisburgHunters.org

President's Pen

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Please take this time to give thanks for all the blessings in your life.



This coming year please consider getting others involved in any of the outdoor sports. Our outdoor sports future depends on it.

See you at the club,
Jerry

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CLUB OFFICE
The club office is open during club meetings. Day guest passes, belt buckles, club license plates, pins and targets are available for purchase at those times.
SHEESLEY LAKE
The lake is open for fishing. Fishing is for members only!



UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The next three general membership meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on:

- December 5
- January 2 - Installation of Officers & Board of Directors
- February 6

CLUB DINNER

On Saturday, December 16, a Christmas Turkey dinner will be served from 3:30 until 5 p.m., or until sold out. Donation \$13.

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the November general membership meeting, Daniel Krautheim's name was drawn to win the \$250 and Deacon Harrel's name was drawn to win the \$50. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$54.50, and a jar of honey donated by Beekeeper Mark Bogey, was won by Alan Bernardi.

BLACK POWDER

Beaver Creek Muzzleloaders
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CHRISTMAS SHOOT on December 17th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

OUR WINTER LEAGUE will start on January 7, 2024, and run for 12 weeks.

All matches are held on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call Mike at 717-805-7161.

2024 JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

Junior Rifle starts Thursday, January 4th, 2024, and is open to all youth 11 to 18 years old. This program is open to the public. The club provides rifles, ammo and learning materials free of charge. Students will learn the basics of firearm safety and be shown different shooting positions. Class consists of classroom and range time each week. Please bring your own eye and ear protection. Course will run for a minimum of 10 weeks, every Thursday night beginning at 6:30 pm. To register, please call John Hoffer at (717) 979-6014.

Class size is limited, so please register early. Parent or guardian must accompany student to sign a club waiver form. A student will not be permitted to shoot until a waiver is signed.

Any shooter that is still within the age limit that has completed the classroom portion in a previous year is welcome to come out and shoot. We will have one relay for return shooters beginning around 5:45 pm.

Return shooters do not need to pre-register, just show up at least 15 minutes before the relay and come to the range.

John Hoffer, e-mail chon243@msn.com.

NRA CRSO CLASS

On February 3-4, 2024, there will be a NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Seminar for currently- certified NRA Range Safety Officers held at the Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers clubhouse from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. The cost of the classes is \$140. A minimum of 4 students are required to hold the class

To become an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer, you must attend the Basic Instructor Training (BIT) class in addition to the discipline specific class (Chief Range Safety Officer Training). You may be asked to perform a pre-course assessment prior to participation in the class.

To register, visit <http://www.nrainstructors.org/searchcourse.aspx>. Search for this class and complete the required information. When arriving at HH&A on February 3-4, bring notepaper and a pen, as well as your NRA credentials (if an NRA member). If there are any questions, please contact Fred Rogers at mrrogers5@verizon.net.

ANNUAL HH&A BIG BUCK CONTEST

With the beginning of another hunting season the annual HH&A Big Buck Contest is under way. It is open to all HH&A members that harvest a Pennsylvania whitetail buck. Scoring goes by a modified Boone & Crockett system. There are several categories/age groups. Winners in each category will win a prize. John Hoffer and Barry Peterson will score antlers by appointment. Please give either of us a call to schedule a date and time to get together. John can be reached at (717) 979-6014 and Barry at (717) 439-4980. There is no cost to enter and all entrants have a chance to win a prize in the random drawing after the awards are given out. The awards will be given out at the March 2024 general meeting, so all racks must be scored by February 10, 2023. Prizes may include trail cameras, hunting accessories, gift cards or cash. Good luck and hope to see you at the club.

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

INDOOR NOVELTY SHOOTS

Held in the HH&A indoor pistol range on the following Sundays, from 1:00-3:30 p.m., using handguns AND NOW A RIFLE MATCH!

Range reserved from noon-4 p.m. to allow for range setup and tear-down.

- January 7 - .22 RimFire (Handgun) Match
- February 4 - .22 RimFire (Handgun) Match
- March 3 - CenterFire (Handgun) Match, using .380, 9mm, .38 caliber, .45 ACP
(Note: RimFire is welcome too, but CenterFire scores better!)
- April 7 - .22 - RIFLE MATCH - any .22 RimFire Rifle - any sight / scope / irons allowed

Shoot Luck Targets (e.g., cards, bowling pins, coins, pool balls, random number grid, darts, bullseyes). 5 shots per target. We usually run up to 10 relays. Shoot as many relays as you like.

Cost is \$2 per relay, with 50% cash payback to shooters. Please arrive at least 30 minutes early to register and reserve a shooting position.

Awards determined by Lewis Classification. Payouts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Pistols: Red dot scopes ok. No holster required. Two-hand grip may be used.

RIFLE Match: Any .22 RimFire - any sight. Match shot standing with no support. Don't have a rifle? Come out - we'll have a spare or two to lend you!

All matches: Empty chamber indicators required when making guns safe. If you don't have one, we'll provide one free. Ear and eye protection required (must supply your own).

Come out and have some fun with us. Our matches are SAFE but FUN! Bring your shooting friends! Bring someone who has never shot "in a match" to learn how much fun the shooting sports are.

Our Novelty shoots are Open To The Public!

Match Director: Rene' Martinez, email: ghanoveltyshoots@gmail.com, phone: 717-503-4613.

LADIES NIGHT ON THE RANGE

Ladies, this informal session will allow you to shoot at your own pace. Instructors will be available to assist you if you need assistance. There will be two sessions. The first session will run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The second session will run from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bring your own handgun and ammunition. If you are new to shooting and do not have a handgun, we will provide a .22 LR semi-automatic handgun for you to use. Ammunition will be provided for club-owned guns at a nominal fee.

Pre-registration is required. Absolutely no walk-ins.

Please register with Chris Touw at ceandersonfl@aol.com.

2024 Schedule (All Sundays)

- January 21
- February 18
- March 24
- April 21
- September 22
- October 20

WEATHER WATCH

In case of inclement weather, watch Channel 21 or Channel 27 News to find out if our club meeting has been cancelled.

BASIC HANDGUN SAFETY COURSE

The course covers SAFETY, function, care and cleaning, sight alignment, trigger control, grip, and other information on how to shoot a handgun safely and accurately. Classes will meet and be held in the clubhouse at Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers'. The range session will be conducted in the indoor range. Instructors are NRA Certified. The course is \$75.00 (payable at the door via cash or check only). The course is open to the public. **NO NEED TO OWN A HANDGUN**. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. Class runs from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m.

Dates for the 2024 Class schedule are as follows: (These are separate classes. You attend only one class.)

- March 2 - Registrations open January 15 thru February 20.
- April 20 - Registrations open March 20 thru April 12.
- October 26 - Registrations open September 21 thru October 14.

To register, send an email to HHABasicPistol@outlook.com. For inquiries, please call 717-545-6834.

WILLIAM PENN PISTOL LEAGUE

The 2023-2024 William Penn Pistol League is underway. The indoor pistol league runs on most Wednesday evenings through the end of March, starting at 6 p.m. This is a traveling 22 pistol league consisting of 10 teams in the greater Harrisburg commuting area.

Our club hosts two teams - AMP and State. If you have an interest in participating on one of our teams, you are welcome to join either team. New shooters are welcome. It's a lot of fun, and you will become a better shooter.

Additional information about the league and our teams is contained on our web page at <https://www.harrisburghunters.org/william penn>.

Contacts:

John Zebel, AMP Team Captain, jzebel@embarqmail.com or 717-834-5466.

Marshall Burnside, State Team Captain, flashlite5448@gmail.com or 717-939-5141

INTERMEDIATE HANDGUN SKILLS CLASS

This course is a prerequisite for more advanced classes, such as the HHA Defensive Handgun Skills Class. Students will review the basics and experience more intense hands-on handgun training. This class will be limited in size and students must have previously completed the Basic Handgun Safety class WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Students are required to have a centerfire handgun (.22LR rim fire handguns are not acceptable); semi-automatics must be a .380/9mm caliber or larger, and revolvers must be double-action only .38 caliber or larger. Students must also have two magazines or speed loaders, their own eye and ear protection, and provide their own ammunition (200 rounds).

All instructors are NRA-Certified. The course is \$65.00, we accept cash or check only no credit cards.

The INTERMEDIATE HANDGUN SKILLS CLASS will be conducted on May 11, 2024, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Saturday). STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE BY 7:45 a.m. FOR REGISTRATION.

For registration and additional information, please contact: Steve Touw at StevenTHHA@gmail.com.

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals 2024 are now due. Your 2023 membership expires on December 31, 2023. A 2024 renewal application is included in the newsletter or it is available at the club. It can also be downloaded and printed from the club website www.harrisburghunters.org. Look for the link for renewal applications.

Full payment must accompany the renewal application, checks or money orders only, credit cards are not accepted. It is recommended that you do not send cash in the mail.

DO NOT INCLUDE RETURN ENVELOPES AND PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE OR TAPE CHECKS TO THE APPLICATION. PLEASE DO NOT TAPE THE ENVELOPES. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DELAYED, SO PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

Renewal applications mailed to the club or dropped off at the club cause extra work. Please mail renewal applications to: HHA Membership, P.O. Box 4129, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Thank you.

HH&A LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE

This is my first attempt to provide a written update on legislation & regulations that impact our ability to hunt, fish, trap, and our 2nd amendment rights. I have been providing updates at our monthly meetings for members' benefit. Recently, it was suggested that I share my observations and thoughts in the HH&A Newsletter. Usually I try to follow everything at the federal and state level with emphasis on state matters. This is not an all-inclusive list of items, nor do I provide any legal advice. The best place for anyone to start is with the National Rifle Association's website for their Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA): <https://www.nraila.org>.

Two noteworthy items for this month's Newsletter come from the Pennsylvania State House. Two bills will likely advance through the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday November 14, 2023 (This is being written before that). These bills will probably end up on the House floor to await action by the full chamber. First, House Bill 941, which would hold parents responsible for the criminal acts of a minor under their supervision who uses a firearm. The language is very vague and an attempt to shift blame for criminal actions to responsible gun owners. Second, House Bill 1629, which would require mandatory storage requirements, that, if not followed, could end up with a third-degree felony charge against a parent. These actions, while disguised as safety measures, are ways the government can pressure parents from keeping firearms.

More information on these and all bills, as well as how to contact your state house representative, can be found at this link: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/>.

I'll have more to report next month.

John Kline
NRA Benefactor Member & HH&A Board Member

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."
- Abraham Lincoln



Pennsylvania's Venison Donation Program

Each season, Hunters Sharing the Harvest donates over 100,000 pounds of venison to more than 5,000 food banks, soup kitchens and mission outreach centers statewide. Families and individuals access the food banks to help put food on the table for themselves and their children. This hunter-inspired community service outreach effectively channels hunter-donated venison through a network of approved deer processors, food banks and some local charitable provider organizations throughout Pennsylvania's urban and rural communities. The Pennsylvania Game Commission is a proud supporter of Pennsylvania's Hunters Sharing the Harvest program.

<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/Pages/HuntersSharingTheHarvest.aspx>



12/13 National Guard Birth Date - Established in 1636, the National Guard is the oldest military organization in America.

12/16 National Wreaths Across America Day



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM, DUE BEFORE JANUARY 1

- This form can **only** be used if you are **renewing a membership**. If you were a member in the past 2 years, you may use this form; otherwise, you must use a New Member Application form to obtain membership.
- If changing from an Adult to Family membership, please use a New Member Application form and follow the instructions.
- If a previous year's junior member is 16 as of January 1, they must renew as a separate member. This includes children that are part of a family membership.
- **If you do not renew your membership by December 31, your privileges to use any club facilities will be suspended (card keys will be disabled) until your renewal is received and processed. Allow at least two weeks to receive your membership card after we receive your renewal.**
- ADULT: 22-61 years, JUNIOR: up to 15 years, YOUNG ADULT: 16-21 years, SENIOR: 62 years and older (ages as of Jan. 1).
- Make checks payable to HH&A. Applicant will be responsible for all bank fees for a check returned for any reason.
- **MUST mail form and check to: HH&A, c/o Membership, P.O. Box 4129, Harrisburg, PA 17111.**

Please print clearly and fill out form **completely** to avoid delays in issuing card(s) **PLEASE NOTE IF ADDRESS CHANGED.**

Name _____ Member # _____
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| Additional Name(s) | Member # | Date of Birth |
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| ___ Adult | \$ | 85.00 |
| ___ Family | \$ | 160.00 |
| ___ Young Adult | \$ | 60.00 |
| ___ Senior | \$ | 45.00 |
| ___ Junior | \$ | 30.00 |
| ___ Life | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| ___ Donation | \$ | _____ |
| ___ Annual Guest Pass | | 80.00 |
| Total Enclosed | \$ | _____ |
| Cash or Check # _____ | | |

I will download the club newsletter each month to help save club costs (x) Yes _____ No _____

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CLUB NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

The club is now able to provide advertising in the Newsletter. **This service is open to members only.**

The cost is \$15 per newsletter and should be business card size.

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BRASS RECYCLING PROGRAM

When at the ranges, please utilize the recycling buckets provided for spent brass, steel and aluminum cases. You can throw them all in the same recycle bucket since we recycle all three types of cases now.

We recycle the brass in two ways: (1) we sort by caliber and sell all brass suitable for reloading to club members at very good prices, and (2) we sell the remainder, along with the steel and aluminum cases, to a salvage company.

All funds made from sales and recycling are used to help fund the club's growing youth programs. Thank you for your continued support.

T-SHIRTS and HATS

Show support for your club by wearing club T-shirts and hats. They are available for sale at regular membership meetings.

INDOOR RANGE QUALIFICATION

To schedule for an Indoor Range Qualification and access, contact one of the following:

- John Plouse 717-903-9554
- Alan Bernardi 717-514-2729
- Richard Willier 717-884-4878
- Scott Faust 717-525-7847
- Luis Rodriguez 717-648-5705
- Chuck Acre 717-756-8975
- John Hill 717-503-7936
- James Lambert 717-773-1319
- John Kline 717-514-0404
- Steve Touw 717-319-7306

JOIN NRA

Join the NRA, or renew your membership, through our web site and get a \$10 discount. Instead of paying \$45, the cost will only be \$35. Click on the **JOIN TODAY NRA** logo on our web page and follow the instructions.

