



April, 2026

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

Please be sure to read the important 2nd Amendment document on pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter!

See you at the club
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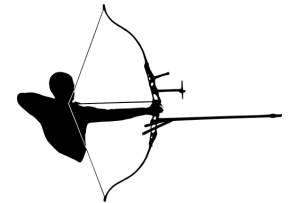
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CLUB OFFICE

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!



CLUB DINNER

On Saturday, April 18th, a Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner, with stuffing, potatoes, vegetable, rolls, beverage, and dessert, will be served from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., or until sold out. Donation \$14.

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

- April 7—Big Fish awards
- May 5
- June 2

Light refreshments will be served at our meetings.

YOUTH FIELD DAY NOTICE

All ranges will be closed all day on Friday, June 19th for Youth Field Day Setup, and again on Saturday, June 20th for Youth Field Day.

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the March general membership meeting, Rebecca Reigle's name was drawn to win the \$250 drawing, and Ronald Arthur's name was drawn to win the \$50 drawing. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$49 was won by Mark Bayhnam.

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT (PPC) MATCHES

The first match of the 2026 season is Saturday, April 4th. Our matches will be held monthly on the first Saturdays, from April through October, at PPC Range #2. (No match on July 4th.)

Match dates are as follows:

- April 4
- May 2
- June 6
- August 1
- September 5
- October 3

We will have 5 Gun Classes to shoot in and will run 5 relays per match date, as long as we have enough shooters. Cost is \$5 per relay. Shoot as many relays as you like, pending availability of space.

A minimum of 50% of fees taken in will be paid back as cash awards to winners using the Lewis Classification System. Each Gun Class will be handled separately for awards.

An End of Season Award raffle (gift cards and/or shooting accessories) will be drawn in November for those shooting more than 10 relays during the season.

For more details about our matches (e.g., match flyer, safety briefing, course of fire, range commands, how awards are determined, etc.), please go to our web page at:

<https://www.harrisburghunters.org/ppc>.

On match days, the security gate opens and range setup/registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Safety briefing at 8:50 a.m. Hammer down at 9:00 a.m. We are usually done by noon.

We run a cold range. Do not bring loaded guns to the range. Guns must remain unloaded and holstered or cased, except when under the direction of the range officer on the firing line, or when in a safe gun handling area.

Please come and join us for some fun. Bring a shooting friend with you. Our matches are open to the public. Beginners are welcome.

Contact: John Kline, Match Director, 717-514-0404, jpkline601@gmail.com.

ACTION SHOOTING - MOVE AND SHOOT

The club started hosting practical pistol shooting events. For 2025, we held three move and shoot pistol or Pistol Caliber Carbine matches following the Practical Competition Shooting League (PCSL) rules. These events challenge the competitor to move and engage multiple targets at various distances and angles at each stage. We use hit factor scoring which rewards speed and accuracy to determine who completed each stage the best. This fun and dynamic event will challenge shooters of all experience levels. If you are tired of shooting the same target from the same position and want to challenge your ability to move, shoot, think, reload while safely navigating a course of fire, this is the match for you. Events will be on the club calendar, but registration will occur using the Practiscore website at www.practiscore.com.

We recently received our USPSA affiliation, United States Practical Shooting Association. For our 2026 matches, we will run the matches according to USPSA rules. This will allow competitors shooting under this format to receive a ranking by USPSA. You do not need to be a USPSA member to shoot these matches. If you are a HHA member or shot our PCSL matches, we will prioritize your registration. Our first match will be April 4th at 12:00 pm and registration will open March 22nd at 6:00pm. Don't wait to register as we expect spots to fill up fast. Another way to prioritize your registration is to volunteer to help setup Friday the 3rd of April for setup.

If you want to learn more or get involved, contact Gene Cash at gene_cash@yahoo.com or 408-568-7665. We need volunteers for setup the day before matches, tear down at completion, and maintaining the match equipment.

SUMMER PISTOL LEAGUE

The HH&A 2026 Summer Pistol League (Bullseye) runs from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening from April 8th (practice night) through August 26th at our Outdoor Pistol Range.

The one-time League Registration fee is \$10 for the 1st gun, and \$5 for a 2nd gun (optional). Match fees are \$1.00 per relay. Includes 3 targets: 1 Slow Fire, 1 Timed Fire, and 1 Rapid Fire.

Four relays are held each evening, weather permitting. Shoot as many as you like.

Course of fire is the 30-shot National Match Course. All targets are shot with one hand at 25 yards using turning targets.

Note: Two-handed shooting will be allowed, but scores will not be eligible for awards.

Any safe rimfire or centerfire semi-auto pistol or revolver (.32 to 45 caliber) may be used. Both iron sights and red dot optics are allowed. Bring your own stapler, staples, pasters/tape, pencil or pen, and empty chamber indicator (ECI). Ear and eye protection are mandatory. Brass catchers may be used.

All scoring will be done by shooters downrange. Pass scorecards right, score left. Scores will be recorded and averaged for the league by gun class, and cash awards will be given out at the end of the season using Lewis Class.

The Match Flyer, Course of Fire, Range Commands, Safety Briefing, How Awards Are Determined, and other details are on the HH&A website at <https://www.harrisburghunters.org/summerleague>.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for some fun. Our matches are open to the public.

Contact: Bob Hempt, Match Director, robjankate@aol.com.

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. Classroom instruction is conducted in the clubhouse at Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association with the range session being conducted in the indoor pistol range. All of the instructors are NRA Certified.

The course costs \$75.00, which is 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 starts at 8:00 a.m. and lasts until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Course dates are: (These are one day classes)

April 11 Registration opens March 6 through March 31

October 3 Registration opens September 1 through September 25

REGISTRATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIODS.

To register, send an email to HHABasicPistol@outlook.com **DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD ONLY.**

For inquiries, please call 717-545-6834.

Class sizes are limited.

NEW SITE-IN TARGET STAND

As requested, there is a new target stand on the far right side of the 25-yard rifle range. It is ONLY to be used for sighting in police pistol carbines (i.e. those typically used for action shooting events).

Please:

- Do NOT move the stand left-and-right across the range. That could create a safety problem.
- Feel free to move it forward and back, but no closer than 10 yards. Again, closer could create a safety problem.
- Fire ONLY from the far right bench position. Cross-range shooting is always prohibited on ranges.

Enjoy

CAPITAL AREA SPORTSMEN FOR YOUTH FIELD DAY

Capital Area Sportsmen for Youth Field Day will be held at HH&A on Saturday, June 20th, with registration starting at 7:00 a.m.

STRIKER FIRE CHALLENGE

Our Striker Fire matches for 2026 will commence in April and run through October. There will be five total matches throughout the year. They are held the last Saturday of the scheduled month.

Match dates are:

- April 25
- June 27
- July 25
- September 26
- October 31

We will also have an updated match flyer posted with all the details on the club's website as well. Each relay is \$10 and we shoot 1 to 5 relays in a match. 50 rounds of centerfire ammo is required per relay. Shooters are welcome to shoot just one or all 5 relays. Half of the match proceeds go back to the shooters depending on how competitors scored based on the Lewis classification which means you don't have to be the best to win money.

This is the best match for inexperienced shooters or someone who wants to start competing. It requires the least amount of equipment and movement to safely participate. The format caters to gun owners who want to get more experience and be comfortable with their firearm under some stress of a match. Any striker-fired handgun is welcome. Typical models include Glock, Springfield Armory, Canik, any model without an external hammer. Typical models include Glock, Springfield Armory, Canik, any model without an external hammer.

For any questions or more details on how the match goes, contact the match director, Gene Cash at gene_cash@yahoo.com or 408-568-7665.

WOODS WALK MATCH

HH&A will be holding its fall Woods Walk match on Sunday, April 26 at the Black Powder Woods Walk Range.

We allow three Gun Classes:

- Centerfire Handguns with Iron Sights
- Centerfire Handguns with Red Dots
- Rimfire Handguns with Iron Sights or Red Dots

Cost is \$10 per gun (limit 2 – must be in different gun classes). Cash awards will be determined by Lewis Class. Fifty rounds of ammo are required for each gun fired. Any safe ammo is allowed.

Park at the Black Powder Clubhouse area. Check-in at the Classroom Trailer at the PPC Range.

Registration and squadding will run from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Mandatory safety and match procedure briefing starts at 12:45 p.m. Squads will proceed to the Woods Walk Range at 1 p.m.

An optional Long Shot Contest (starting at 100 yards) will be held after the Woods Walk match. Cost is \$1. Winners in Rimfire and in Centerfire gun classes take all. Bring extra ammo.

More details (e.g., Match Flyer, Course of Fire, Safety Briefing, How Awards Are Determined, etc.) are available on our webpage at <https://www.harrisburghunters.org/woodswalk>.

Please come and join us for some fun. Bring a friend, our matches are open to the public. No prior competition experience is required. Beginners are welcome.

Contact: Jim Lambert, Match Director, jlambert4472@gmail.com, or 717-773-1319.

Note: The hand trap range will be closed during the Woods Walk and Long Shot Contest.

NRA-NMLRA BASIC MUZZLELOADING SHOOTING COURSE

There will be an NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Course held on September 12th at the HH&A PPC Classroom & Blackpowder Range. The cost of the class is \$80. The estimated length is 12 hours.

Course Content

- Lesson 1 - General Muzzleloading Knowledge and Safe Handling (Classroom)
- Lesson 2 - Black Powder and Loading Muzzleloading Guns (Classroom)
- Lesson 3 - Firing and Cleaning a Muzzleloader (Range)
- Lesson 4 - Shooting a Muzzleloading Rifle from the crossed sticks Position (Range)
- Lesson 5 - Shooting a Muzzleloader from the Offhand Position (Range)
- Lesson 6 - Shooting Activities with Muzzleloaders (Classroom)

For more information, contact Fred Rogers at mrrogers5@verizon.net. To register for the class, go to www.nrainstructors.org.

VOTE TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR FIREARMS

In this, the 250th anniversary year of our nation's independence from tyranny, we should remember that the American freedom fighters - our Founding Fathers - ensured that the U.S. Constitution included the guarantee of our God-given right to keep and bear firearms. They did so by including the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights. The Pennsylvania Constitution also guarantees our right to bear arms.

As hunters and gun owners, we must do our part to continue to preserve our right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitutions. In this day and age of deeply divided politics, there are candidates who support our rights to keep and bear arms, but there also are candidates who would work to limit, restrict, or even to do away with our rights.

In Pennsylvania, it is estimated that 30 to 40% of hunters are not even registered to vote, which means they are not voting at all. This also means that, by not voting to protect our rights to keep and bear arms, citizens are potentially allowing anti-gun politicians to come into power in Pennsylvania. This is surprising given the strong heritage of hunting in Pennsylvania.

In this year celebrating our 250th year of independence, please do your part in making sure that 100% of hunters and gun owners in Pennsylvania VOTE in each and every election. We have two important elections this year, the primary election on May 19, 2026, followed by the general election on November 3, 2026. While we are not voting for president this year, these elections for various local, state, and congressional offices are just as important, if not, in many cases, more important.

The following information is provided for your quick reference about some, but not all, details of the voting process. The website at www.vote.pa.gov and/or your county election office provide a much more complete overview of the voting procedures and options, including how to register to vote, to apply for a mail-in ballot, to locate your county election office, and to identify your polling place.

To vote in Pennsylvania, you first have to be **REGISTERED TO VOTE** where you currently reside. You can register to vote by visiting your county election office or certain other state government offices, by registering by mail, or electronically online. To register online to vote, simply go to the www.vote.pa.gov website or use the following the following QR code via your smart phone:

Once you're registered to vote, you can cast your vote. You can **VOTE EARLY**



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application. You are encouraged to vote early so you don't have to worry about missing Election Day due to unexpected illness, travel, weather, etc. To apply online, go to the www.vote.pa.gov website or use the following MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATION QR code, which **must be completed by May 12, 2026**. Make sure to include your email address to track the processing of your mail-in ballot application.



Once you have submitted your mail-in ballot application, you can expect to receive your actual mail-in ballot in the mail within a few weeks. You will use this ballot to cast your votes in the election. Once you have completed the ballot, you can mail or hand-deliver it to your county election office **BUT IT MUST BE RECEIVED** by your county election office **no later than Election Day (May 19, 2026)**.

You also can **VOTE EARLY IN PERSON** by appearing at your county election office before Election Day. Please contact your county election office for details. The website at www.vote.pa.gov states: "You can vote in person by mail ballot in one trip to your county election office or other officially designated site. Once your county's ballots are ready, you can go to your elections office, request your mail ballot, receive it, complete it, and submit it all in the same visit."

Don't put off your vote until Election Day. Vote early. Vote to protect our Rights to Keep and Bear Arms. For us . . . and for our future generations.

Your county election office should be available to answer your questions and help you to navigate the early voting process.

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Dauphin County Bureau of Registration and Elections
1251 South 28th Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17111
(717) 780-6360

LEBANON COUNTY

Director of Elections & Voter Registration
Municipal Building, Room 209
400 South 8th Street
Lebanon, Pennsylvania, 17042
(717) 228-4428

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Director of Elections
1601 Ritner Highway
Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 17013
(717) 240-6385

CASFY MEETINGS

If you would like to help with Youth Field Day, please come to the monthly Capital Area Sportsmen for Youth (CASFY) meetings in the clubhouse.

The meeting dates are:

Monday, April 6th at 7 p.m.

Monday, May 4th at 7 p.m.

Monday, June 1st at 7 p.m.

Monday, June 15th at 7p.m.



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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.**

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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.





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