



Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association

Meeting 1st Tuesday
each month 7pm

6611 Hunters Run Rd.

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www.HarrisburgHunters.org

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!

Vice-President's Pen

August, 2025

It's summer and the days are longer, so we are seeing increased activity on our ranges. We must all keep safety in mind and a review of the basic safety rules is a good idea.

(1) Always keep the gun (or bow) pointed in a safe direction.

(2) Always keep the finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

(3) Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use it.

(4) Know your target and what is beyond it.

(5) Make sure that unauthorized persons, especially children can not get access to your firearms.

(6) Make sure that your gun is in proper working order and safe to shoot.

(7) Only use the correct ammunition for your firearm.

(8) Use an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) for benched guns if you have to go forward of the firing line.

HHA is a members only club. Guests must have a guest pass and be accompanied by a club member. Only paper targets are permitted on club ranges unless the club provides other targets. Absolutely no shooting after official sunset on the outdoor ranges. When there is more than one member shooting on a range, shoot together, check targets together. No handling of firearms when someone is forward of a firing line. Pick up your brass and put it in the provided buckets unless you want to take it with you. Take only your brass. Bulk brass helps support our youth programs. In order to use the indoor handgun range, you must qualify. See elsewhere in the Newsletter for a list of contacts to qualify.

Be a safe and responsible firearms owner. Set a good example for others. Take a non-shooter to the range and help them enjoy the shooting sports. That goes a long way towards protecting and preserving our Second Amendment Rights.

Shoot safely and enjoy the summer.

Alan Bernardi, Vice President

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2025

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UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

- August 5
- September 2
- October 7

Light refreshments will be served at our meetings.

IN MEMORIAM

Life Member Jeffrey Albright passed away recently.

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the July general membership meeting, Brian Montgomery's name was drawn to win the \$250 drawing, and Barb Dudek's name was drawn to win the \$50 drawing. Neither was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$59.50 was won by Jeff Horn.

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT (PPC) MATCHES

Our matches will run monthly on the first Saturdays through October, at PPC Range #2. Match dates are as follows:

- August 2
- September 6
- October 4

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. Note: At the June, July, and August matches, we will start 30 minutes earlier, so the 'early bird' shooters can get an extra relay in.

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. It will be nice to see everyone again!

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

CLUB DINNER

On Saturday, August 16th, a Grilled BBQ Chicken Dinner will be served from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., or until sold out. Donation \$14.

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

NOMINATION OF CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Nominations for 2026 club officers and board of directors will be accepted until the end of the October general membership meeting. Please do not nominate anyone without their permission. Nominees must have been a club member in good standing for two years in order to be nominated. The election will be held at our November 4th meeting.

SUMMER PISTOL LEAGUE

The HH&A 2025 Summer Pistol League (Bullseye) runs from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening now through August 20th 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.

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.

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

The Match Flyer, Course of Fire, Range Commands, Safety Briefing, 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.

2025 2 GUN SCHEDULE

2 Gun is a fast paced competition in which the participant is required to safely navigate a course of fire while switching between rifle and pistol in a safe and fun atmosphere. This year we will be running three stages per match. The match fee will be \$20. Set-up will be the Saturday before each shoot, beginning at 2:00 pm. The match fee will be waived for anyone assisting with set-up. If you have one of these Saturdays free, please consider coming out to help. These matches are tough to put on for the small amount of staff that we have.

Schedule:

- August 31
- October 26

Gun Classes:

- Open - Optic of choice allowed on pistol, multiple optics allowed on rifle
- Tac Ops - Open sights only on pistol, one optic only allowed on rifle
- Armored - Open rules apply to weapons, must wear a vest with ballistic plates
- PCC - Pistol caliber carbine only, with no optic rules

Minimum caliber: 9mm for pistol, .223 for rifle

This is a fun and friendly competition. Scoring is time plus penalties. There are no prizes, and this is not a cumulative match. Point of contact is Jason Svidunovich via text message at 717-395-8374 or via email at hha3gun@gmail.com. Please be aware that phone calls are not preferred, as unknown numbers are not often answered. You may also find us on Facebook at Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers MultiGun.

Pollinators Matter



The pollination services of Honey Bees, native bees, birds, bats, butterflies, and other animals are all required for more than 80% of the world's flowering plants and protect our ability to grow food crops. Some research even suggests that there is a direct link between pollination and human health, because not only do bees and insects pollinate food crops, they may improve the nutrient value of the crops they pollinate. <https://www.buzzaboutbees.net>

August 3-9 - National Farmers Market Week **August 16** - National Honey Bee Day

BB GUN NATIONALS

Fundraising: Thank you HHA, our sponsors and everyone for your tremendous support. Your generosity helped 7 shooters have a fantastic match and made so many memories that will stay with them for a lifetime.

Results: The team consisted of Giovanni Melendrez, Kennen Shaffer, Abigail Sowers, Grayson Wible and Connor Williams with alternates: Martin Birch and Grant Hess. The team placed 13th out of 59 teams. 17 states were represented. The shooters are broken down into team members, alternates and what is called the Champions match. The Champions are shooters that attended the previous year's nationals and are not eligible to be on a team for the current year as the rules state if you are a team member at nationals, you must skip a year before being a team member again. This does not apply to alternates. A grand combined total of 460 shooters competed, consisting of 294 team members, 107 alternates and 59 champions. Almost all of the team shooters were in the top 40% of 294 team shooters. The alternates were in the top 30% of 107 shooters. We did not have any shooters entered in the Champions match. Congratulations to Martin Birch for obtaining a perfect score on the test. He was only 1 of 20 to do this out of 460 shooters. That is impressive!!

<https://www.orionresults.com/daisy>

Not just shooting: Barter bar! All the shooters, coaches, parents, siblings and Daisy staff get together and trade items they brought from their local area and state. Fast paced negotiations and controlled chaos is the best way to describe this. The shooters and their families had a lot of fun doing this and walked away with great trades. We can't wait to share our National Match stories at the next club meeting on August 5th. Hope to see you then! Burt "Rusty" Stockton

COMPETITIVE YOUTH BB GUN TEAM

We are approaching that time of year, again! We are looking for youth who will reach their 8th birthday prior to mid-February and will not reach their 16th birthday until mid-April or later. Our safety class begins the 3rd Wednesday of October and runs every Wednesday AND Friday until Thanksgiving, then every Wednesday until Christmas. Each class builds on the previous class, so shooters should attend as many as possible, but preferably all of them. More information, including this year's dates are on our website: <https://www.hhachamps.org/bbgun/register>. If you have any questions, contact:

Burt "Rusty" Stockton, hbgshooters@gmail.com, 717-903-0496

Pam Sultzaberger, hbgbbteam@gmail.com, 717-623-2464

ARCHERY TRY-IT DAY

Are you looking to "Try Archery" or hone your skills? Join us for our first Archery Try-It Day to be held Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 2 PM until 4 PM! Pre-registration is required to ensure we have enough supplies. We will accept anyone 8 years or older. There is a \$20 charge for 16 years old through adult. Register at <http://www.HarrisburgHunters.org/archery>. If you have any questions or want more information, contact:

Bree Sultzaberger, archery.bree@gmail.com.

SPORTSMEN'S YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET

Join us at the club to find a bargain, sell, trade, or barter on lots of hunting, fishing, and reloading equipment. The yard sale/flea market will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (set up starts at 6:30 a.m.), coinciding with the first day of the Walt Wise match.

Seller/Vendor spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Outdoor set up spaces will be in the large field adjacent to the main parking lot. Bring anything to sell.

Breakfast and lunch available for purchase on-site.

Email Jerry Dougherty at [hhangers1@yahoo.com](mailto:hhandlers1@yahoo.com) to register.



An Unmatched Legacy

August 1944 - Smokey the Bear debuts as the spokesperson for wildfire prevention, and it remains the longest running public service advertising campaign in U.S. history. Smokey's message, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" is as relevant and urgent today as it was in 1944. To learn more, obtain resources or take the pledge, visit: <https://smokeybear.com>.

66TH ANNUAL WALT WISE MEMORIAL POLICE PISTOL MATCH

- To be held at the Bullseye Pistol Range on September 20-21.
- Rain or shine, 60 covered firing points with turning targets.
- Two relays of Rim Fire 900 and Center Fire 900 matches each day for 1800 daily Aggregate and two-day 3600 Aggregate.
- Rim Fire matches are shot first, starting at 9:00 am. Center Fire matches follow lunch each day.
- All matches are shot at 25 yards, using turning Police-L targets.
- Course of Fire: Slow Fire, Police-L, Timed Fire, and Rapid Fire.
- Team matches are "paper matches", based on Police-L scores.
- Lewis Classification system used for determining awards in A, B, and C Classes.
- Cash awards for Individual matches and 2-person Team matches.
- Team trophies for Rim Fire and Center Fire 4-person Team matches.
- Camping available on-site. No electric or water hookups.
- Motels located nearby at Exit 72 of I-81.
- Breakfast and lunch available in the club commissary both days.
- Match program and directions to the club are on our website.
- Cost is \$25 for one 900 Individual match, \$35 for two, or \$50 for all four. Team matches are \$5 per shooter. Cost for special Walter Wise Commemorative Centerfire Revolver Match is \$5 per shooter.

This is a fun match. Don't miss it!

Contacts:

Marianne Corl: ndrtkr@comcast.net

Jen Montefour: jrmontefour@verizon.net

STRIKER-FIRE CHALLENGE MATCHES

HH&A will be holding Striker-Fire Challenge combat pistol matches in 2025. No pre-registration is required. Just show up.

Match Dates: (last Saturday of the month)

- September 27
- October 25

Range set-up and on-site registration starts at 8:00 a.m., match rules and safety briefing at 8:45 a.m., relay 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Five continuous relays will be run at our Police Pistol Combat Range #2 from 9:00 a.m. until around noon. Cost is \$10 per relay. Fifty rounds are required per relay fired (40 for Concealed Carry).

Four Gun Classes will be used: Stock (Iron Sights only), Open (Optics allowed), Stock Concealed Carry (Iron sights Only), and Open Concealed Carry (Optics allowed). Maximum barrel lengths allowed are: 3.75" barrel for semi-autos, and 2.75" for revolvers. Two mags are needed per stage.

Shoot as many relays as you like (pending availability of space) in either or both Gun Classes. Cash awards for each Gun Class will be determined using the Lewis Classification System.

Our Match Flyer, Course of Fire, Range Commands, Safety Briefing, How Awards Are Determined, How Lewis Class Works at Our Matches, Standing Records, and other details are provided on the HH&A website at: <https://www.harrisburghunters.org/strikerfire>.

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for some fun. Bring a shooting friend with you. Our matches are open to the public.

Contact: Gene Cash, Match Director, gene_cash@yahoo.com or 408-568-7665.

ADVANCED HANDGUN PROGRAM

After a decade and half of training thousands of students, leading several handgun teams, and creating classes, we (Larry and Shere Gibson) have decided to pass the baton as Team Leaders of the Advanced Handgun Program. We plan to continue to serve the club as Instructors in various firearms disciplines.

Your new Team Leaders will be Luis Rodriguez and Steven Touw who have been on our team since the beginning and will do an excellent job with continuing the program. For more information on class registration and upcoming classes, contact them at AdvancedHandgun@gmail.com.

We appreciate all the instructors who have assisted us through the years (too numerous to mention but especially Steven, Luis, Elwood Parsons and John Thomas). And many thanks to Alan Bernardi who supported our vision and the program throughout its evolution.

COMPETITIVE AIR RIFLE/SMALLBORE

We are on break during the month of August.

The Competitive Junior Air Rifle & Smallbore Program is for youth ages 12 to 18 and runs throughout most of the year. Each season begins in September on the first Monday following Labor Day (Sept. 8th, 2025). The program includes instruction on safe gun handling, the operation of both air rifles and small-bore rifles, and the fundamentals of Olympic Style three-position shooting. Practices are held from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays, with additional practices when necessary to prepare for competitions. The practices are held in the indoor pistol range. We also offer the opportunity to participate in clinics, leagues, and matches. Most matches are local, while some are out-of-state. The focus during practice is Air Rifle in the fall/winter, and Smallbore in the spring/summer. Match quality sporter and precision rifles, and ammunition are provided for use in the program. Each participant is asked to provide their own safety glasses and ear plugs. Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 season.

For more information, please contact Chris Harr at (717) 395-2393 or charr2393@gmail.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.

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. Class will be held Saturday, October 11. This will be the final class for 2025.

Registrations open September 12 thru October 4. Registrations will not be accepted prior to the registration period.

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

2025 KIDS FISHING DERBY

On Saturday, July 12th, the annual Kids Fishing Derby was held. There were 28 kids who participated. Those 28 kids caught 180 fish!!!! What an awesome day for them. The weather was good. It was a fabulous day for fishing.

Thanks to Brian Mountain for running the event.

Here are the winners by age group:

Ages 5-8

1st Place - Hank Parker - 27 fish
2nd Place - Oakley Haldman - 22 fish
3rd Place - Bryse Matter - 9 fish

Ages 9-12

1st Place - Savannah Skubon - 18 fish
2nd Place - Liam Amick - 17 fish
3rd Place - Gideon Gray - 12 fish

A Summer Blizzard?



The White Fly Hatch is one of the most anticipated times of the year for anglers. These hatches peak around dusk in late July and early August. Thousands, even millions, of delicate white mayflies rising from the river in a swirling display that looks more like a snowstorm than summer. But this hatch is a *good thing!* It is a sign of healthy waters, abundant fish, and thriving ecosystems along the Susquehanna Greenway. From Wrightsville to Harrisburg - and even in tributaries like the Yellow Breeches - fishing conditions peak between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. when the flies are most active. ([susquehanna greenway.com](http://susquehanna.greenway.com))



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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

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