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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!

President's Pen

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!
As we wind down 2025 I want to thank everyone who takes time out of their busy life to help keep our club running at its best. If it were not for all of the volunteers who give their time and expertise it would be much more costly to keep the club running at its best. From all the instructors to those who put a log on the fire it takes a large team to make it all happen.



If you have a skill you would like to share or just want to do something, reach out to me and we will get you started.

Again Thank you!!

See you at the club!
Jerry

December, 2025

2025 Club Officers

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Jerry Dougherty

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Alan Bernardi

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Barry Peterson

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Connie Tyson

2025

Board of Directors:

Charles Acre, Bill Chastain,
Scott Faust, John Glatz,
Chuck Grubb, John Hill,
John Kline, Jim Lambert,
Fred Rogers, Randy Stoner,
Rich Willier



December 21



First Day of Winter
and the shortest day of the year

CLUB DINNER

A Turkey and Ham Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. or when sold out. Donation: \$14. In case of inclement weather, call Connie Tyson at 717-433-7724.

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

- December 2
- January 6
- February 3

Light refreshments will be served at our meetings.

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the November general membership meeting, Douglas Womer's name was drawn to win the \$250 drawing, and James Hower's name was drawn to win the \$50 drawing. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$56 was won by Jim Lambert.

WILLIAM PENN PISTOL LEAGUE

The 2025-2026 William Penn Pistol League runs on most Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 p.m., through April 1, 2026. This is a traveling, indoor 22 pistol league consisting of 10 teams in the greater Harrisburg commuting area.

Our club hosts two teams - HHA 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/willampenn>.

Contacts: For additional information, please contact:

HHA Pistol Team - Gene Cash, 408-568-7665, gene_cash@yahoo.com.

State Pistol Team - Marshall Burnside, 717-350-4668, flashlite5448@gmail.com.

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 and 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 2026 general meeting, so all racks must be scored by February 8, 2026. Prizes may include trail cameras, hunting accessories, gift cards or cash. Good luck and hope to see you at the club.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

To maintain uninterrupted access to all club benefits, members are encouraged to submit renewal applications as soon as the renewal period begins. Early submission ensures continued participation in club activities, communications, and events throughout the entire upcoming year. The club will start accepting membership renewals for 2026 on October 1, 2025. Please note that the current 2025 membership expires on December 31, 2025.

Renewal applications are provided in the newsletter. Alternatively, members can download and print the application from the club website at www.harrisburghunters.org; look for the link labeled "Renewal Applications." Each application must be accompanied by full payment. Accepted forms of payment are checks or money orders—credit cards are not accepted, and it is advised not to send cash through the mail.

Please do not staple or tape checks to the application, as this may delay processing. Incomplete applications will also result in delays. Renewal applications should not be mailed directly to the club, as this causes unnecessary work and delays in processing. Please send all renewal applications to the following address:

HHA MEMBERSHIP PO BOX 4129 HARRISBURG, PA 17111.

To help ensure a smooth renewal process, please fill out your renewal application completely and legibly. Double-check that all required information is included and that the correct payment amount is enclosed before mailing your application. Adhering to these guidelines will help avoid processing delays and guarantee continued membership benefits.

2025 NRA GRANT

In January of 2025, Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers was awarded a total NRA Grant of \$5454. This was a combination of \$4104 for supporting all the many youth programs held and hosted at HHA and \$1350 for supporting the Competitive BB Gun program. On January 31st, 2025 at the Ribbon cutting ceremony of the Annual Great American Outdoor Show, HHA representative Burt "Rusty" Stockton accepted this NRA Grant. Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers Association thanks the NRA for this very generous grant to help support the youth programs.

METALLIC RELOADING CLASS -- RIFLE & PISTOL CARTRIDGES

There will be an NRA Basic Metallic Reloading Class held at the Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers clubhouse on Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 9am-6pm. This 8-hour class taught by NRA Reloading Instructors, teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to safely reload metallic cartridges. The cost for the class is \$60. It covers the instruction, the NRA student packet, reloading components, 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 the actual reloading of several pistol and rifle cartridges.

An NRA Certificate of Completion will be awarded for successfully completing the course. This class is intended for beginners. Class size is limited. To register for the class, visit the NRA web site at <http://www.nrainstructors.org/searchcourse.aspx>. Search for this class and complete the online application.

For more information, contact Fred Rogers, 717-602-8697 or mrrogers5@verizon.net.

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.**

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

Additional Name(s)	Member #	Date of Birth
_____	_____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____

___ 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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Your club benefits from people joining or renewing a membership to the NRA. Go to the website for information: harrisburghunters.org click on the NRA logo.



The Outdoor News 2025 Best Buck Photo Contest is sponsored by Federal and will offer prizes and awards to 28 winners. The contest is for either archery and firearms. <https://www.outdoornews.com/best-buck-entry/>

FUN MATCHES - 2026

• 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!:

- January 18 - .22 Rim Fire (Handgun) Match
 - February 15 - .22 Rim Fire (Handgun) Match
 - March 15 - Center Fire (Handgun) Match, using .380, 9mm, .38 caliber, .45 ACP - (Note: Rimfire is welcome too, but Centerfire scores better!) NOTE: THIS IS A LOST BRASS MATCH!!
 - April 12 - .22 - RIFLE MATCH - any .22 Rim Fire 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 7-8 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 Rim Fire - any sight. Match shot standing 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 shots are Open To The Public!
- Match Director: Rene' Martinez, Email: hhanoveltyshoots@gmail.com.

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT (PPC) MATCHES

Our matches have concluded for 2025. 2026 dates are posted on our website Our matches are open to the public. Beginners are welcome. We held our 'end of season raffle' at the November general meeting. The winners are listed below. Please come out and join us! See you in the spring.

2025 Police Pistol Combat End of Season Raffle Winners

1. \$300 Gift Card - Zimm's Guns, Hummelstown: DAVE FEHR
2. Razor low profile hearing muffs: MIKE CONSEVAGE
3. \$50 Academy Sports Gift Card: HALEY ANDERSON
4. Soft double pistol case: DICK RUNDALL
5. \$25 Academy Sports Gift Card: DICK RUNDALL
6. Plano hard pistol case: DAVE FEHR
7. Snap Safe steel lockbox w/cable: JOHN KLINE
8. \$25 Academy Sports Gift Card :BILL THOMAS
9. Walker Pro Safety glasses and hearing muff kit: MATTHIAS SANDS
10. \$25 Academy Sports Gift Card: PAUL WHIPPLE
11. Magellan Range bag: MATT KRAMER
12. \$50 Academy Sports Gift Card: JOHN PLOUSE
13. Redfield Deluxe Pistol cleaning kit: DAVE FEHR
14. Coast Slayer Pro Flashlight: TROY ALBRIGHT
15. Coast Slayer Flashlight: DENNIS CHURCH

Contact: John Kline, Match Director, 717-514-0404, jpklime601@gmail.com.

Did you know...

- The first text message sent was "Merry Christmas" in December 1992.
- In the USA, more pizza is consumed during December than any other month.
- Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving song.
- If you are really into recycling, you can eat parts of your Christmas tree. Pine needles contain Vitamin C, and some zoos feed trees to certain animals after the holidays.
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer first appeared in 1939 when Montgomery Ward department store created a Christmas story they could give away to shoppers as a promotional gimmick. The store had been buying and giving away coloring books for Christmas every year; and it was decided that creating its own book would save money. In the first year of publication, 2.4 million copies of Rudolph's story were distributed by Montgomery Ward. (Smithsonian)



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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.

