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Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association

Meeting 1st Tuesday
each month 7pm

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Vice-President's Pen

I do not enter this in our newsletter to support any particular politician, but rather I enter this response to a letter that I sent to Congressman Perry. It is important that we all are aware of some of the back-handed methods that some, especially Biden and his administration, are using to restrict or take our guns away completely. Contact your legislators and let them know that this cannot happen.

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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:

- March 5 - Big Buck Contest Awards
- April 2 - Big Fish Contest Awards
- May 7

VICE-PRESIDENT'S PEN - CONTINUED

Dear Mr. Bernardi,

Thank you for contacting me about Executive Order 14092 initiated by President Biden (re ATF Rule 2022R-17) and the legislation proposed in response to H.R. 6734, the Stopping Unconstitutional Background Checks Act. I appreciate you reaching out, as I appreciate your patience with my reply as we navigate a great deal of correspondence.

This Executive Order and Rule are President Biden's most recent effort to circumvent the Constitution and move towards the ultimate goal of the radical Left: confiscation of firearms lawfully owned by civilians, and abolition of the Second Amendment. These moves require private citizens to obtain a federal firearms license (FFL), have a background check, and complete gun registration paperwork to sell even one firearm. These moves effectively institute universal background checks – a years' long Democrat pipe dream – and allows the ATF to use every tool available to weaponize the background check system by building a digital database of firearms owners and transactions. Perhaps most egregiously, the Executive Order and ATF rule completely bypass Congress – the lawmaking body of our government – in favor of bureaucratic rule.

As a proud and responsible gun owner, I am and will remain a resolute supporter of every law-abiding American's Second Amendment rights. As such, I understand the critical importance of our Citizens' ability to defend themselves and their families from harm. This rule, and others executed by unelected bureaucrats, creates barriers to exercising the Second Amendment and fails to recognize the simple truth that criminals don't follow or even acknowledge gun laws – and find ways to circumvent all of it. The ATF rule turns law-abiding citizens into criminals, and places limits on their inalienable rights. The U.S. Constitution recognizes that the People have a right to keep and bear arms and that no one's life, liberty, or property may be taken from them without due process – not bureaucratic decree. The Second Amendment is a critical right that ensures our safety and our viability as a Free People. One of the primary purposes of our government is to protect the American People against acts of violence while respecting everyone's God-given freedoms and liberties.

Recently, Congressman Andrew Clyde (GA) introduced the Stopping Unconstitutional Background Checks Act in response to the Executive Order and ATF rule. The legislation prohibits the use of federal funds to enforce the actions dictated by the Biden administration, thus rendering them ineffective. I fully support this bill and am an original co-sponsor; it's now in the House Judiciary Committee and, while I don't sit on that Committee, be assured that when it comes to the House floor in its present form, I will vote YES. As a Member of the Congressional Second Amendment Caucus, I remain a resolute supporter of every law-abiding American's right to keep and bear arms, and will staunchly oppose any policy that infringes upon it.

Once again, thank you for contacting me. I appreciate your concerns and welcome your continued feedback. Please visit my website at perry.house.gov to submit further questions/comments or to sign up for my e-newsletter, Facebook page, and/or Twitter updates.

Very Respectfully,

Scott Perry

Member of Congress

10th District, Pennsylvania

LADIES NIGHT ON THE RANGE - 2024 SCHEDULE

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.

Schedule:

- Sunday, March 24
- Sunday, April 21
- Sunday, September 22
- Sunday, October 20

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the February general membership meeting, Delaney Smith's name was drawn to win the \$250 drawing, and Michael Ragan's name was drawn to win the \$50 drawing. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$70.50 was won by Bill Miller.

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. Class sizes are limited.

INTERMEDIATE HANDGUN 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. Class will be held May 11, 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.

WILLIAM PENN PISTOL LEAGUE

The William Penn Pistol League runs on Wednesday evenings through the end of March, starting at 6 p.m. at the HH&A Indoor Pistol Range. This is a traveling 22 caliber 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 of all skill levels 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.

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT (PPC) MATCHES

It's almost that time of year again! HH&A's first PPC match of the 2024 season is coming up on Saturday, April 6th.

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

- April 6 (Orientation & Training Day)
- May 4
- June 1
- July 6
- August 3
- September 7
- October 5

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.

We've added something new this year. 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.

It will be nice to see everyone again!

HH&A LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY OBSERVATIONS

Words Matter

Governor Shapiro gave the commonwealth's budget address for the upcoming fiscal year. A 'gun violence' reduction program that takes \$100 million of your tax money and will do little was proposed. I put the term 'gun violence' in quotes as this phrase has been cleverly melded into our lexicon by those who oppose freedom and refuse to hold individuals responsible for their behavior. I implore you to never use this term, and, when it comes up, ask those articulating it to define how a gun is violent? When they want to talk about criminals, that is, people, I'll engage.

A few bills have been introduced in the state house attacking innocent citizens.

HB 335 attempting to prohibit certain triggers. HB 336 will ban 'assault weapons' (notice quotes as this remains undefined but everyone that says it. Wipe this from your speech as well). HB 777 this is 'ghost gun' nonsense. Reminds me and those of you old enough to remember, of the 'Teflon bullet' hoax (1982) or the original 'plastic gun' fear (1985, also known as a Glock 17.). If you use a term that sounds scary, the lemmings will follow. HB 1190 – prohibiting 3D printing and manufacturing. Please contact your state house representative and ask that he or she opposes these efforts. Contact information can be found at the Pennsylvania legislative website.

Pennsylvania's legislative website: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/>

NRA Institute for Legislative Action: <https://www.nraila.org>

John Kline

NRA Benefactor Member & HH&A Board Member

"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

Mark Twain

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STRIKER-FIRE CHALLENGE MATCHES

HH&A will be holding five Striker-Fire Challenge combat pistol matches in 2024. No pre-registration is required. Just show up.

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).

Three Gun Classes will be used: Stock (Iron Sights only), Open (Optics allowed) and Concealed Carry (Iron Sights Only, 3.7" barrel max, 2 mags needed per stage). Shoot as many relays as you like (pending availability of space), and 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.

Match Dates: (last Saturday of the month)

- April 27
- June 29
- Aug 31
- September 28
- October 26

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

SUMMER PISTOL LEAGUE

The HH&A 2024 Summer Pistol League (Bullseye) starts on April 24th and runs from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening through August 21st at our Outdoor Pistol Range.

We begin with a free practice night (2 relays) on Wednesday, April 17th, so the shooters can get their guns sighted in at 25 yards.

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.

CHIEF RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS

On February 3-4, 2024, HH&A hosted an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Class at the clubhouse. The class consisted of over 14 hours of instruction and practical exercises learning the NRA methodology to conduct NRA classes. The role of a Chief Range Safety Officer is to provide training to RSO candidates and to develop Range Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for firearms ranges.

This class provides hands-on experience to the candidates by writing SOPs for a range and conducting multiple lessons following the NRA Lesson Plans. There is also a 1-hour exam.

The NRA offers training in the following areas: Home Firearm Safety, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Personal Protection in the Home, Personal Protection Outside the Home, Muzzle-loading Pistol, Muzzle-loading Rifle, Muzzle-loading Shotgun, Chief Range Safety Officer, Metallic Cartridge Reloading, & Shotgun Shell Reloading. For more information on attending a class or becoming an NRA instructor, contact Fred Rogers at mrrogers5@verizon.net or 717-602-8697.



NRA CRSO Candidates & Instructors: back: B. Lukowsky, C. Reider, J. Willi, J. Collins, C. Acre, E. Parsons Front: J. Lambert, D. Perez,, S. Gibson, L. Gibson.

INDOOR PISTOL RANGE CLOSED MARCH 15TH (3 PM) TILL SUNDAY 17TH (6 PM)

BB Gun will be hosting the annual Spring Fling match. This event draws teams from around Central Pa. The indoor pistol range will be closed starting at 3 pm on Friday, March 15th to clean and set up the range. The range will be closed on Saturday, March 16th. The range will also be closed on Sunday, March 17th till 6 pm. Please use the google calendar for availability. The indoor archery range will be closed during the days of March 16th and March 17th for other teams arrival and their equipment. BB Gun will be selling snacks and drinks as a fundraiser during this event. Anyone is welcome to stop by and observe this event. Burt "Rusty" Stockton 717-903-0496

HHA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the most up to date information on events, range usage and closings, please check our website <http://www.harrisburghunters.org/calendar/>. Add this to your calendar on your phone. Many times events could be shortened, cancelled or range usage is necessary for unexpected events.

HI POWER RIFLE CLASS

There will be a Hi Power Rifle Class on April 6th at the HHA clubhouse and 100 yard range. This High Power Rifle Orientation class introduces new shooters to basic rifle safety, basic rifle handling, and basic rifle shooting skills using the AR-15 rifle.

This class is designed to introduce new shooters to safely compete in an NRA sponsored High Power Rifle Match. This class uses lecture and practical, hands-on exercises for the training sessions. The class will be taught by NRA instructors and experienced High Power Rifle Shooters. Class starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends about 4 p.m.

Students should bring a bag lunch and dress to be in a class setting and outside on the rifle range. If you do not have an AR-15, we have several club rifles to use in the class. This is not an NRA Class. The cost for the class is \$25; students 18 and under are free. For more information, see www.harrisburghunters.org or contact Fred Rogers at mrogers5@verizon.net or 717-602-8697.

Fish On!



Anglers will have an excellent chance to catch large, trophy-sized trout this year. In 2024, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in 697 streams and 129 lakes open to public angling. Check this site for stocking schedules by county <https://fbweb.pa.gov/TroutStocking>



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you liking and following your club on Facebook? Do you have your family members and friends liking and following us as well? As Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers continues to grow, more and more information is on Facebook (as well as other social media). Are you sharing the events articles and information to gain more interest? On Facebook, just search for **Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers**. HHA also has 4 other related programs on Facebook. Like and follow them! **Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers Youth BB Gun Team, Competitive Harrisburg Association of Marksmanship Programs** (this is the 501c3 portion for the competitive youth programs), **Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers Air Rifle Small Bore Team**, and our newest page, **Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers 3 Gun Shoot**. Our BB Gun team is also on Twitter and Instagram!

RANGE RULES

When using your club's ranges, it is your responsibility to know and understand the club's general ground rules and range regulations. They are published in the club by-laws. Copies of the by-laws are in the magazine rack just inside the front door of the clubhouse. Ground rules and range regulations are posted at each range. You are responsible for your actions on the ranges, so take the time to learn the club rules and be sure to follow them.

If you have any questions on club rules, or feel you need one-on-one training, please contact an officer of the club, or one of the board of directors, who will help you out.

Remember – safety is your responsibility. Make it your top priority.

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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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

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