



January, 2024

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

As we glide into a new year please take the time to review club range rules. We are all responsible for safety when we use the ranges. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse.



REMEMBER, Once the bullet leaves the barrel you cannot bring it back!!

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2024

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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!

See you at the club,
Jerry



Happy New Year!

2024!

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UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

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

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the December general membership meeting, Diane Dougherty's name was drawn to win the \$250 drawing. Diane was present and got the \$250. The 50/50 drawing for \$69 was won by Lew Lloyd.

INDOOR NOVELTY MATCHES

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: hhanoveltyshoots@gmail.com, phone: 717-503-4613.

BLACK POWDER

BEAVER CREEK MUZZLELOADERS
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We will have a Winter League starting Sunday, January 7, 2024 and it will run for 12 weeks. All shoots are on Sunday's starting at 8:00 a.m. till finish.

Flintlock season will be over January 15. If you didn't come out to our winter league, now you can. Those who got a deer Congratulations and a Buck, that is very special.

So we welcome you all to our shoot. There are 12 metal rifle targets and 12 different metal targets for pistol. Black Powder is Patch and Lead Rifle will be Flintlock and Percussion Pistol will be Flintlock, Percussion and Army and Navy models.

Sometimes there is an extra shoot at the range.

Come out and try your shooting skills, meet new shooters and friends and have fun.

Open to the Public. All are Welcome!

For more information contact Mike 717-805-7161

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

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

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, 2024. Prizes may include trail cameras, hunting accessories, gift cards or cash. Good luck and hope to see you at the club.

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.

WEATHER WATCH

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

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.

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.

CLUB INSIGHTS

On December 4-6, a vendor serviced our indoor range rubber bullet trap. They sealed off the range, pulled down much of the rubber onto the floor, processed it through their machine which separated the lead/copper chunks from the rubber, packaged the metals for recycling, restored the rubber to the trap, and cleaned the range.

This is routine maintenance for rubber traps like ours. We last had it done about 6 years ago and it will need to be done every several years. A portion of the value of the recycled metals is returned to us to partially offset the cost of the service.

Interestingly, the company that recycles the metals is a cartridge company, so your spent lead will ultimately be shot by someone else in the form of new bullets -- lots of bullets, considering they collected 9 pallets worth!



HH&A LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY OBSERVATIONS

These updates will always provide websites for information on federal legislation and how to contact legislators in the state capital. The NRA's Institute for Legislative Action website is: <https://www.nra.org>. This is always the best place to start for federal legislation, regulation, and court information. For state legislator's contact information, the state's website is the best place to go: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/>. When calling any legislative office to voice an opinion on a matter, remember, you will be speaking with a legislative aide who will take your information and pass it along. Be respectful but to the point. I will address written communications in a future edition.

The state legislature is about to go on a winter break and return in the early spring. A recently discovered water leak in the roof of the state house chamber has caused leadership to push the next session date well into 2024 until repairs can be made. This delays any action floor that might have been taken in January & February of next year. As an old friend who served in the senate used to quip, 'we're not in session so we can't do any damage'.

On the federal level, the old saying 'politics makes strange bedfellows' could not be more evident than the ACLU recently standing with the NRA in the Supreme Court on a first amendment matter. NRA claims that the state of New York used regulatory power to influence businesses, particularly financial institutions, from doing business with the NRA.

Remember, 2024 is an important election year. Besides the presidential contest, all state house seats, and half of the state senate are up for election. Please make sure you are registered to vote. Have a safe holiday.

John Kline
NRA Benefactor Member & HH&A Board Member

"People never lie so much as after a hunt, during a war, or before an election."
— **Otto von Bismarck.**



January is Personal Self-Defense Awareness Month The most important "thing" you can develop in your self-defense arsenal is **AWARENESS**. *A few suggestions to reduce your risk of being a soft target:*

- Do not walk with your head down or be absorbed in your cell phone/electronics
- Do not look distracted or lost
- Do not have headphones in both ears
- Do not have your hands full or carry valuables in plain sight
- Do not walk alone in the dark



...gives Pennsylvania researchers \$1 million grant for forest study. A research team led by a Penn State ecologist has received a \$1 million grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to integrate satellite data into predictive modeling to anticipate change in recruitment – the process by which new trees emerge – within forests across the eastern United States. (Outdoor News 2023/12/8)



FEBRUARY 3-11, 2024 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex



Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy, Safe and Prosperous New Year

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

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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.

