



April, 2024

Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association

Meeting 1st Tuesday each month 7pm

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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!

Vice-President's Pen

The future of the Second Amendment is in jeopardy if we firearms owners do not vote in the upcoming November election. If you value your rights as a firearms owner you cannot afford to be on the sidelines in this year's general elections. This promises to be one of the most important elections in history when it comes to our Second Amendment Rights. If you are not registered to vote, REGISTER and VOTE for those who will support and defend our Second Amendment Rights. Encourage others to vote for those candidates who support our 2A rights. Mr. Biden does not support those rights. He will do whatever he can to take away or greatly reduce our ability to own firearms. Do not let that happen. Do not be complacent. Exercise your constitutionally protected right to vote. Be heard.

Alan Bernardi

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CLUB DINNER

On Saturday, April 13, an AYCE Spaghetti Dinner will be served from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., or until sold out. Donation \$13. AYCE applies to spaghetti and sauce only.

RANGE CLOSURE NOTICE

All club ranges will be closed all day on Friday, June 14 for Youth Field Day setup, and on Saturday, June 15 for Youth Field Day.

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

- April 2 - Big Fish Contest Awards
- May 14 History of Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers — presented by Jerry Dougherty
- June 4

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the March general membership meeting, Robert Hankey's name was drawn to win the \$250 drawing, and Michael Poluka's name was drawn to win the \$50 drawing. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$92.50 was won by Alan Bernardi.

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

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!

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

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

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 dates for 2024 are:

- Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m.
- Monday, June 3 at 7 p.m.
- Monday, June 10 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, July 8 at 7 p.m. - Wrap up meeting.

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.)

- 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.

"Class sizes are limited and students who fail to attend may find significant delays in their ability to re-enroll."

For more information, call 717-545-6834 and leave a message.

U.S. LAWSHIELD SEMINAR

A seminar is tentatively scheduled for April 20 at 6:30 p.m. We are waiting to confirm due to lawyer availability. The first half of the seminar will be an abbreviated legal presentation followed by a discussion on what to do if you ever find yourself stuck in the middle of an active shooter situation. Pre-registration is recommended as setting will be limited. Register at <https://www.uslawshield.com/seminar>.

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.

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.

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.

- May 11, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Saturday).

STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE BY 7:45 a.m.

FOR REGISTRATION and additional information, please contact: **Steve Touw** at StevanTHHA@gmail.com.

COMPETITIVE YOUTH BB GUN RIFLEMEN TEAM Winter Championship

HHA's BB Gun entered 13 shooters on 2 teams in this match. This match was the first in the shooting season for all. There were 19 teams representing 7 groups with a total of 96 shooters competing. HHA's teams placed 5th and 11th. HHA's shooters ranged from 19th to 84th. HHA had 1 shooter achieve a 100 on the test. This was a good start to the season.
Burt "Rusty" Stockton

WOODS WALK MATCH

HH&A will be holding a Woods Walk match on Sunday, May 19, 1 p.m., at our Black Powder Woods Walk Range. Registration starts at noon at the PPC classroom trailer.

- Three Gun Classes will be used at the match:
- Centerfire Handguns with Iron Sights
- Centerfire Handguns with Red Dots
- Rimfire Handguns with Iron Sights or Red Dots

You may now use jacketed ammo, since we have AR-500 steel targets. Cost is \$10 per gun (limit 2 guns). We shoot 5 rounds each at 10 steel targets, 50 rounds total per gun fired. Cash awards will be determined separately by Gun Class using the Lewis Classification System.

An optional Long Shot Contest follows the Woods Walk. Bring extra rounds if you plan to shoot. Cost is \$1. Winner takes all.

Our Match Flyer is on our website and bulletin board.

Please come and join us for some fun. Bring a shooting 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, 717-773-1319.

CAPITAL AREA SPORTSMEN FOR YOUTH FIELD DAY

Capital Area Sportsmen For Youth Field Day will be held on Saturday, June 15, with registration starting at 7:00 a.m.

KIDS FISHING DERBY

Kids Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Registration from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. There will be separate categories for kids ages 5-8 and 9-12. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served to all. Bring the kids and come out for a great time. For more information, please contact Brian Mountain at 717-574-3254.

HH&A LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY OBSERVATIONS

Some positive news this month. Louisiana and South Carolina have become the 28th & 29th states respectively to enact the constitutional carry provision for law abiding citizens. In other states the attacks on honest citizens continue. It is disheartening to see individual states arising as either havens of freedom or socialist democratic style places to live. This weakens the overall fabric of our nation. There is no doubt that a significant number of leaders want the government to take over even larger portions of your life. Here in Pennsylvania, we have a fairly good amount of liberty, but as our society continues to settle into a condition where more and more individuals rely on the government, and worse, don't care, our battles will intensify.

That's why, more than ever, you MUST register and vote. I sense that our country is at a tipping point.

In the Pennsylvania legislature, a number of anti-2A bills remain idling, most in committees. As mentioned in earlier reports, the House Judiciary Committee has become a dangerous place for freedom. Since 2024 is an election year, we'll have to see how leaders calculate the pushback from advancing any of these bills as preservation of their jobs becomes priority over your interests. As of this writing, none are scheduled to vote but that could change. Please stay tuned and click on these links to stay informed.

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

"If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

— **George Washington**

COMPETITIVE YOUTH BB GUN RIFLEMEN TEAM NRA Sectional

This match is based on the age of the shooter. There is no test given in this match. HHA entered 1 team of 5 in the BB1 category (age 13 to 15), 1 team of 4 in the BB2 category (age 10 to 12) and 1 team of 5 in the BB3 category (age 8 to 9). Overall, there were 15 teams representing 5 groups with a total of 80 shooters. Overall, the shooters placed from 18th to 77th. In the BB1 Category, the team placed 5th. In the sitting position for the BB1, Michael Reilly placed 3rd. In the BB2 category, the team placed 3rd. In the BB3 category, the team placed 1st. In the BB3 category, Martin Birch placed 3rd overall, 1st in standing and 2nd in kneeling. Grant Hess took 3rd in standing. The match's scores will be sent to the NRA and will now be combined with all the NRA sectional matches held across the country. The teams and shooters will be eligible for more awards at the national level. Another great match for all these shooters.

Burt "Rusty" Stockton

COMPETITIVE YOUTH BB GUN RIFLEMEN TEAM Spring Fling

The BB Gun team would like to thank the club members for their support and patience when hosting their Spring Fling match the weekend of March 15, 16, and 17. The match was attended by 19 teams from 8 clubs. There were a total of 115 shooters participating. Each shooter is required to take a safety test worth 100 points. A perfect test score was achieved by 11 shooters, including 3 from HHA. HHA had 2 teams participating. They finished in 4th and 14th. The shooters from HHA placed 3rd, 13th, 17th, 28th, 35th, 36th, 42nd, 51st, 65th, 67th, 68th, 72nd, 84th, 95th, and 102nd. Their next match is the State Match on April 6 in Centre Hall, PA. If you see the team, please wish them luck.

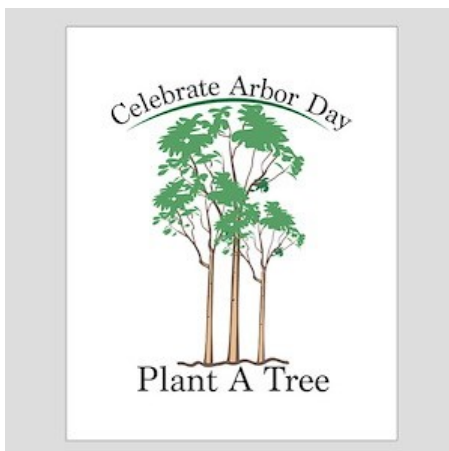
Burt "Rusty" Stockton

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week, and we want to shine a spotlight on all those who tirelessly join hands to make your club better. In the spirit of tax season, remember that everyone owns a piece of our club, therefore, owner's equity is the value of a business that the owner can claim! Many thanks for your valuable contribution and continued support throughout the year!!

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TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Life is not accumulation, it is about contribution. *Stephen Covey*

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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.

