



Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association

**Meeting 1st Tuesday
each month 7pm**

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President's Pen

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Membership Renewals Are Going Digital.

Please see the important note on the next page in regard to membership renewals.



October, 2026

2026 Club Officers

President

Jerry Dougherty

Vice-President

Alan Bernardi

Treasurer

Barry Peterson

Secretary

Connie Tyson

2026

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

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:

- October 6
- November 3 (Election Night, PPC Raffle)
- December 1

Light refreshments will be served at our meetings.

NOMINATION OF CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Nominations for 2027 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 3rd meeting.

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Please do NOT submit paper membership renewals at this time.

Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers is preparing to launch **AssociationSphere**, a new all-in-one club management system that will bring several of our current processes together in one place — including membership management, renewals and payments, our website, and a new online member portal.

AssociationSphere is the **NRA's exclusive software partner for membership management**, and the platform is designed specifically to help organizations like ours simplify their operations and better serve their members.

For HHA, this is a big step forward. Moving these processes into one system is expected to streamline all the processes to serve everyone faster, save the club thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours each year while also improving our website and giving us new tools and capabilities.

What will renewal look like?

Once the new system is ready, the general process will be simple:

1. Create your online member account.
2. Review and update your contact and membership information.
3. Complete your membership renewal.
4. Pay securely online.

If you're comfortable ordering something online, the process should feel familiar — and **we'll provide step-by-step instructions before you need to do anything.**

For now, the most important thing is simple: **please hold off on submitting a paper renewal.**

More information about AssociationSphere, account setup, the new member portal, and the renewal process will be shared in the coming weeks through **email, social media, the HHA newsletter, and our website.**

We know moving to a new system will be a change, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation as we make the transition. This is a significant investment in HHA's future that will help us better serve our members, support our volunteers, and keep the club running efficiently for years to come.

Stay tuned — more information is coming soon!

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the September general membership meeting, Fraser Bonnett's name was drawn to win the \$250 drawing, and Gerald J. Clemens' name was drawn to win the \$50 drawing. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$64 was won by Rob Skotnicki. Rob donated his winnings to the Youth Programs.

CLUB DINNER

On Saturday, October 17th, a Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner, with mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, rolls, beverage, and dessert, will be served from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., or until sold out. Donation \$14.

TACTICAL RANGE ACCESS

To gain access to the Tactical Range, contact John Glatz at 717-448-2006 to schedule your orientation.

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

COMPETITIVE AIR RIFLE/SMALLBORE

The Competitive Junior Air Rifle & Smallbore Program is for youth ages 12 to 18 and runs throughout most of the year.

The program includes instruction on safe gun handling, the operation of both air rifles and smallbore 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 2026-2027 season. To register: <https://www.hhachamps.org/comprifle>.

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

WILLIAM PENN PISTOL LEAGUE

The William Penn Pistol league is a precision .22 caliber pistol league that runs from mid-September 2026 until April 7, 2027. This league has been around since 1947 to promote the sport of bullseye pistol shooting.

The club has two teams, HHA and State, that shoot home matches in our indoor range on Wednesday nights. This is also a traveling league where teams shoot away matches at the several clubs in the area.

All that is required is a .22 caliber pistol, a red dot optic, ammo, ear and eye protection and a willingness to learn bullseye shooting using their dominant hand only.

For general information about the league, go to <https://wppl.us/about/>. The club's website also has more detailed information about our two teams. Check out <https://www.harrisburghunters.org/williampenn>.

If you want to learn more about this league or give it a try, contact Gene Cash at

gene_cash@yahoo.com, 408-568-7665, or Mark Baynham at mbaynham7010@yahoo.com, 717-303-9026 for the HHA team.

For the State team, contact Jim Lambert at 717-773-1319, jlambert4472@gmail.com or Sue Heist at 717-579-4515, stayingyoung123@gmail.com.

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT (PPC) MATCHES

We will be holding our last PPC match of the season on Saturday, October 3rd at PPC Range #2. 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.

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.

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

WOODS WALK MATCH

HH&A will be holding its fall Woods Walk match on Sunday, October 4th at the Black Powder Woods Walk Range.

We allow three Gun Classes:

- Centerfire Handguns with Iron Sights
- Centerfire Handguns with Red Dots
- Rimfire Handguns with Iron Sights or Red Dots Cost is \$10 per gun (limit 2 – must be in different gun classes).

Cash awards will be determined by Lewis Class. Fifty rounds of ammo are required for each gun fired. Any safe ammo is allowed.

Park at the Black Powder Clubhouse area. Check-in at the Classroom Trailer at the PPC Range.

Registration and squadding will run from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Mandatory safety and match procedure briefing starts at 12:45 p.m. Squads will proceed to the Woods Walk Range at 1 p.m.

An optional Long Shot Contest (starting at 100 yards) will be held after the Woods Walk match. Cost is \$1. Winners in Rimfire and in Centerfire gun classes take all. Bring extra ammo.

More details (e.g., Match Flyer, Course of Fire, Safety Briefing, How Awards Are Determined, etc.) are available on our webpage at <https://www.harrisburghunters.org/copy-of-ml-winter-league>.

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

Note: The hand trap range will be closed during these events.

COMPETITIVE YOUTH BB GUN TEAM

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

STRIKER FIRE CHALLENGE

We will be holding our last Striker Fire match of the season on the Saturday, October 31st at PPC Range #2.

Our match flyer is posted with all the details on the club's website. Each relay is \$10 and we shoot 1 to 5 relays in a match. 50 rounds of centerfire ammo is required per relay. Shooters are welcome to shoot just one or all 5 relays. Half of the match proceeds go back to the shooters depending on how competitors scored based on the Lewis classification which means you don't have to be the best to win money.

This is the best match for inexperienced shooters or someone who wants to start competing. It requires the least amount of equipment and movement to safely participate. The format caters to gun owners who want to get more experience and be comfortable with their firearm under some stress of a match. Any striker-fired handgun is welcome. Typical models include Glock, Springfield Armory, Canik, any model without an external hammer.

For any questions or more details on how the match goes, contact the match director, Gene Cash at gene_cash@yahoo.com or 408-568-7665.

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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 2026 general meeting, so all racks must be scored by February 7, 2027. 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 Basic Handgun Safety Class scheduled for Saturday, November 7 has been cancelled due to lack of response from students.

2027 JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

Junior Rifle starts Thursday, January 7th, 2027, and is open to all youth 11 to 18 years old. This program is open to the public. The club provides rifles, ammo and learning materials free of charge. Students will learn the basics of firearm safety and be shown different shooting positions. Class consists of classroom and range time each week. Please bring your own eye and ear protection. Course will run for a minimum of 10 weeks, every Thursday night beginning at 6:30 pm. To register, please call or text Tim Hoffer at (717) 903-2540. Class size is limited, so please register early. Parent or guardian must accompany student to sign a club waiver form. A student will not be permitted to shoot until a waiver is signed.

Any shooter that is still within the age limit that has completed the classroom portion in a previous year is welcome to come out and shoot. We will have one relay for return shooters beginning around 5:45 pm. Return shooters do not need to pre-register, just show up at least 15 minutes before the relay and come to the range.

Barry Peterson, 717-439-4980 or hhatreasurer@aol.com.

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.

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.

2026 SUMMER PISTOL LEAGUE RESULTS

Another season of the HH&A Summer Bullseye Pistol League has come to an end. We had 44 total shooters (4 of which were Juniors) who fired a combined 988 relays! That's a lot of lead going down-range, folks!

The winners for each Category, and the Lewis Classes within, are shown below. Congrats to all for your fine shooting!

Thanks to Match Director Bob Hemp for running the league again, and to all shooters who participated. Also, special thanks go out to Tom Saber for doing the scoring and reporting, and to Sue Heist for her State House support!

JUNIORS

Name	Score	Lewis Class	Place
Bear, Logan	264.13	Grand Winner	Winner
Diefenderfer, Grant	263.13	Lewis Class A	1

CENTERFIRE

Name	Score	Lewis Class	Place
Loser, Steve	277.4	Grand Winner	Winner
Saber, Tom	274.67	Lewis Class A	1
Deshields, James	273.8	Lewis Class A	2
Cameron, Bruce	272.8	Lewis Class A	3
Diefenderfer, Garey	268.53	Lewis Class B	1
Consevage, Mike	259.73	Lewis Class B	2
Neisweinder, Mike	243.93	Lewis Class B	3

RIMFIRE

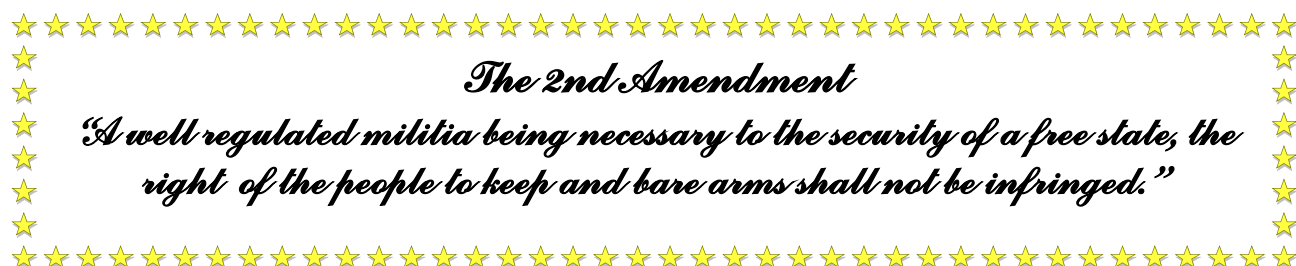
Name	Score	Lewis Class	Place
Best IV, Arty	283.4	Grand Winner	Winner
Deshields, James	283.33	Lewis Class A	1
Wert, Scott	282.13	Lewis Class A	2
Fullerton, Phil	282.07	Lewis Class A	3
Cameron, Bruce	278.13	Lewis Class A	4
Saber, Tom	271.87	Lewis Class B	1
Fullerton, Travis	271.13	Lewis Class B	2
Defrancisco, Tom	271	Lewis Class B	3
Murphy, Matt	270.93	Lewis Class B	4
Willits, Jeff	252.33	Lewis Class C	1
Snook, Cathy	246.07	Lewis Class C	2
Corl, Marianne	242.27	Lewis Class C	3
Ulrich, Joe	241.6	Lewis Class C	4

COMBINED

Name	Score	Lewis Class	Place
Deshields, James	278.57	Grand Winner	Winner
Wert, Scott	275.97	Lewis Class A	1
Cameron, Bruce	275.47	Lewis Class A	2
Saber, Tom	273.27	Lewis Class A	3
Consevage, Mike	265.9	Lewis Class B	1
Neisweinder, Mike	257.13	Lewis Class B	2
Saber, Bob	184.3	Lewis Class B	3

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!



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.

As you can see, we have plenty of space available for your ad.

These ads help offset the cost of mailing your monthly newsletter.

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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, SWEATSHIRTS and HATS

Show support for your club by wearing club T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats. They are available for sale at regular club 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.

