



February, 2023

Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association

Meeting 1st Tuesday
each month 7pm

6611 Hunters Run Rd.

Harrisburg, PA 17111

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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!

Vice President's Pen

It is no secret that the current political administration in both Washington and in Penna have proven themselves to be anti-gun and anti Second Amendment. Those of us who support our right to "Keep and Bear Arms" can lose those rights if we are complacent. We must let legislators know that we will not support any politician who does not support the Second Amendment. Take action, make phone calls, send letters and emails in support of our right to own firearms without unnecessary restrictions.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read a letter sent by one of our members in support of our 2A Rights. Feel free to use this letter as a guide to create your own letters or emails. Be active or lose your rights. It's as simple as that.

Respectively,
Alan Bernardi
Vice President

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IN MEMORIAM

Member Thomas Runkle passed away recently.

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your club will begin accepting membership renewals for 2023 starting October 1st. Your 2022 membership expires on December 31st 2022. Renewal applications are included in the newsletter, or they can be downloaded and printed from the website, www.harrisburghunters.org. Look for the link for Renewal Applications. Full payment must accompany the application, checks or money orders only. No credit cards, and it is recommended that you do not send cash in the mail.

DO NOT INCLUDE RETURN ENVELOPES AND DO NOT STAPLE OR TAPE CHECKS TO THE APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DELAYED.

Renewal applications should be mailed to HHA Membership, P.O. Box4129, Harrisburg, PA 17111

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

- February 7
- March 7 (Big Buck Contest Awards)
- April 4 (Big Fish Contest Awards)

JANUARY DRAWINGS

At the January general membership meeting, Rebecca Reigle's name was drawn to win the \$250 and Donald Teets' name was drawn to win the \$50. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$47.50 was won by Jim Lambert.

2023 INDOOR NOVELTY SHOOTS

We will be holding Novelty Shoots at the HH&A indoor pistol range on the following Sundays, from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m., using handguns AND NOW A RIFLE MATCH!:

- February 5 22 Rimfire Handguns
- March 12 380/9mm/38 Special Centerfire Handguns (Rimfire is welcome too, but Centerfire scores better!)
- April 2 22 Rimfire Rifles (New Match!)

We shoot Luck Targets (e.g., cards, bowling pins, coins, pool balls, random number grids, dartboards, bullseyes). 5 shots per target. Usually run 7-8 relays. Shoot as many 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.

Rifles: Any .22 Rimfire - 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.

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!

Our match flyer is posted on the club bulletin boards and is on our web page.

Match Director: Rene' Martinez, hhanoveltyshoots@gmail.com, 717-503-4613.

CLUB DINNER

On Saturday, February 18, an AYCE Spaghetti Dinner will be served from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., or until sold out. Donation \$12. AYCE applies to spaghetti and sauce only.

LADIES NIGHT ON THE RANGE 2023 SCHEDULE

Ladies, this is an informal session that 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 PM to 6:00 PM. The second session will run from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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

2023 Schedule:

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Sunday, October 29, 2023

BASIC HANDGUN SAFETY CLASSES

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 cost 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 **2023** Class schedule are as follows: (These are separate classes. You attend only one class.)

- March 11 Registrations open February 1 thru March 1
- April 1 (Tentative class, if there is sufficient demand)
- April 22 Registrations open March 22 thru April 14
- October 21 Registrations open September 21 thru October 14

To register, e-mail HHABasicPistol@outlook.com.

For inquiries, please call 717-545-6834.

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

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT MATCHES

HH&A's Police Pistol Combat (PPC) matches for the 2023 season will be starting in April. Matches will be held monthly on the 1st Saturdays through October at PPC Range #2.

Range setup and on-site registration starts around 8:00 a.m., safety briefing at 8:45 a.m., and hammer down at 9:00 a.m. This is not a formal league, so you can shoot whenever you want and can make it. Just show up.

Five Gun Classes will be used: Stock Semi-Auto, Stock Revolver, Stock Rimfire, Stock Concealed Carry, and Open.

Cost is \$5 per relay fired. We usually run 5 relays. Cash awards for each Gun Class will be determined using the Lewis Classification System.

For more details about the matches (match program, course of fire, how awards are determined, etc.), please check our web page at: <https://www.harrisburghunters.org/ppc>.

Match Dates: (first Saturday of the month)

- April 1
- May 6
- June 3
- July 1
- August 5
- September 2
- October 7

Contact: John Kline, Match Director, jpcline601@gmail.com or 717-514-0404.

MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING

Club member Jim Lambert, a retired PA State Police Trooper, former State Police Firearms Instructor, and certified NRA Firearms Instructor, has offered again to provide free, one-on-one training to club members who might be interested in improving their handgun marksmanship.

If interested, please contact Jim at jlambert4472@gmail.com or 717-773-1319 to get additional information and to make arrangements.

NOTICE

The 2022 Workers Appreciation Banquet will be held August 5th 2023 . More info will be sent to those who helped the club in 2022.

LETTER SENT FROM A MEMBER

Honorable Representative,

I am writing concerning the push to outlaw "the purchase, sale, and production of untraceable gun parts". My concern is in proposing a law that punishes law-abiding citizens with little/no impact on the problem. Many firearms owners perform modifications to their firearms for a host of reasons. Barrels wear out, triggers can be replaced, stocks can be changed, and the list goes on. All of these parts and more do not have serial numbers and can be purchased without a background check. There is no need. The only part of a US-manufactured firearm that has a serial number is the frame. The frame is what the ATF considers a "firearm".

In August of 2022, Tom Wolf mandated all Federally Licensed Firearms Dealers in Pennsylvania must conduct background checks on Partially Completed Frames and Receivers (PCFR). PCFR is the unfinished, unserialized frames, also referred to as 80% lowers/frames. The unserialized frame is what makes a gun a "Ghost Gun". After a background check, people that have no legal prohibition for owning firearms may purchase these PCFRs and build their own firearms for their own use. Since the owner of the PCFR is the manufacturer of the completed firearm, no serial number is required. The home builder cannot sell the finished frame. Under Federal Law, it is illegal to sell unserialized firearms to others, regardless of an individual's firearms eligibility status.

Title 18, Chapter/SS 6105 already prohibits Pennsylvanians convicted of a crime punishable by more than 1 year in jail from manufacturing and possessing firearms. Penalties vary from misdemeanor to felony depending on the circumstances/prior conviction. I would suggest targeting these individuals with stiff penalties for possession or manufacture of unserialized firearms. Add a mandatory penalty of 5 years for possession of unserialized guns (ghost guns) or unserialized frames (PCFR) by a prohibited person. I would make two additional recommendations. Draft legislation with penalties for selling unserialized guns. Hopefully, this would deter individuals from manufacturing unserialized firearms and selling them. Second, write legislation with severe penalties for the use or possession of an unserialized gun in the commission of a crime. Both of these actions will target the offender, not the lawful firearms enthusiast.

Drafting laws that deal with an issue and not punish the average citizen should be the key for any legislator. I feel my recommendations will achieve the desired results without punishing the average Pennsylvanian. You must also remember that the written law is only part of the solution. The legal system must enforce the law in order for it to be effective. Lenient District Attorneys and Courts undermine the rule of law and render any law ineffective.

Groundhogs and Woolly Bears

We probably shouldn't trade in our meteorologists for groundhogs just yet. Studies by the National Climatic Data Center and the Canadian weather service have yielded a dismal success rate of around 50 percent for Punxsutawney Phil. And how does the Woolly Bear measure up? According to tradition, if the bugs have more orange than black coloring in autumn, the upcoming winter will be mild. But Woolly Bear caterpillars aren't the best prognosticators, either: While their bands may vary from year to year, researchers have found the variation is due to last year's weather, not the upcoming winter. (history.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.

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

STRIKER-FIRE CHALLENGE MATCHES

HH&A will be holding five Striker-Fire Challenge combat pistol matches in 2023. 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 29
- June 24
- July 29
- September 30
- October 28

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



February is National Bird Feeding Month - The month was created on February 23, 1994 by Congressman John Porter to educate the public on the seasonal journeys of birds, and for us to provide some aid at the height of winter when it is needed most.

Pit Stop at Middle Creek

Late February to early March is the peak time to see the incredible snow geese migration at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area in Lancaster County. On peak days, over 100,000 snow geese can be seen on the area's lake.



Look down! *Shed Hunting...the best time is now.*



This time of year, ground cover is thinner, making antlers easier to spot. https://www.dailyitem.com/sports/shed-hunting-in-central-pennsylvania/article_56960790-938f-11ed-b785-6f703acc44c2.html

WEATHER WATCH

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

ANNUAL HH&A BIG BUCK CONTEST

With the beginning of another hunting season the annual HH&A Big Buck Contest is underway. 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 2023 general meeting, so all racks must be scored by February 5, 2023. Prizes may include trail cameras, hunting accessories, gift cards or cash. Good luck and hope to see you at the club.

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

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	\$	_____

I will download the club newsletter each month to help save club costs (x) Yes ___ No ___

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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.

CLUB SALE ITEMS

Elusive Wildlife Technologies XLR 250 Gun mounted
light red LED \$129.00
Elusive Wildlife Technologies XLR 100 Scan
light red LED \$89.00
Cast lead bullets 45 caliber SWC185 box of 500 \$50
Cast lead bullets of many other calibers in stock.
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All of these products are available at regular membership meetings and on special request.

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 717-319-7306
- 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

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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.

