



Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association
Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday
each month 7pm
6611 Hunters Run Rd.
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717-545-6834

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!

# 9-11

# President's Pen

As I write this the Board of Directors are again dealing with the second in as many months, a range safety violation. The range safety rules are very clear and are handed to every new member and posted at each range. These rules are there for everyone's safety and are not negotiable.

An example of a range safety rule is using the correct firearm for the range you are on. This is just one example. If unsure ASK!!! A call into the clubhouse at 717-545-6834 and leave a message we will return your call and answer your question!!!

If you lost your copy of the range rules, ask for a new copy. There is no excuse for not following the safety rules. Come to a membership meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and get a copy. There are copies in the magazine rack in the clubhouse.

Every range has a video surveillance system that records range use. We can and have tracked down members who cannot follow club safety rules. All members are owners of our club and should treat all aspects of club use as if it's their own!!! Because it is!!

You will be held accountable for any injury or damage caused by not following club safety rules.

I do not enjoy writing messages like this, however the Board of Directors are very committed to ensuring our club is here for our children and grandchildren and we ALL must do our part to ensure they have a place to enjoy and teach their children about the outdoor sports.

Thank you,
See you at the club
Jerry

# September, 2024

2024 Club Officers President

Jerry Dougherty

Vice-President Alan Bernardi

**Treasurer**Barry Peterson

Secretary Connie Tyson

2024

#### **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



## RANGE CLOSURES

#### UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

- September 3
- October 1
- November 5 (Club Election)

#### CLUB DRAWINGS

At the August general membership meeting, Laurence Putt's name was drawn to win the \$250 drawing, and Deanne Krisch's name was drawn to win the \$50 drawing. Neither was present. The 50/50 drawing for \$52.50 was won by Pam Sultzaberger.

#### NOMINATION OF CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Nominations for 2025 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. Election will be held at our November 5th meeting.

### WILLIAM PENN PISTOL LEAGUE

The 2024-2025 William Penn Pistol League will start on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m. The league runs on most Wednesday evenings through the beginning of April 2025. This is a traveling 22 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 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 <a href="https://www.harrisburghunters.org/williampenn">https://www.harrisburghunters.org/williampenn</a>.

#### Contacts:

- John Zebel, AMP Team Captain, jzebel@embargmail.com or 717-834-5466.
- Marshall Burnside, State Team Captain, <a href="mailto:flashlite5448@qmail.com">flashlite5448@qmail.com</a> or 717-939-5141

## 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. Each season begins in September on the first Monday following Labor Day (Sept. 9th, 2024). The program includes instruction on safe gun handling, the operation of both air rifles and small-bore 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 2024-2025 season. To register: <a href="www.hhachamps.org/joinarsb">www.hhachamps.org/joinarsb</a> For more information, please contact Chris Harr at (717) 395-2393 or <a href="charred-arr2393@gmail.com">charre393@gmail.com</a>.

## POLICE PISTOL COMBAT (PPC) MATCHES

Our next PPC match will be held on Saturday, September 7th. No pre-registration is required. Just show up.

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

- 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.

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

## 65TH ANNUAL WALT WISE MEMORIAL POLICE PISTOL MATCH

- To be held at the Bullseye Pistol Range on September 21-22.
- Rain or shine, 60 covered firing points with turning targets.
- Two relays of Rim Fire 900 and Center Fire 900 matches each day for 1800 daily Aggregate and two day 3600 Aggregate.
- Rim Fire matches are shot first, starting at 9:00 am. Center Fire matches follow lunch each day.
- All matches are shot at 25 yards, using Police-L targets.
- Course of Fire: Slow Fire, Police-L, Timed Fire, and Rapid Fire.
- Team matches are "paper matches", based on Police-L scores.
- Lewis Classification system used for determining awards in A, B, and C Classes.
- Cash awards for Individual matches and 2-person Team matches.
- Team trophies for Rim Fire and Center Fire 4-person Team matches.
- Camping available on-site. No electric or water hookups.
- Motels located nearby at Exit 72 of I-81.
- Breakfast and lunch available in the club commissary both days.
- Match program and directions to the club are on our website.
- Cost is \$25 for one 900 Individual match, \$35 for two, or \$50 for all four. Team matches are \$5 per shooter. Cost for special Walter Wise Memorial Centerfire Revolver Match is \$5 per shooter. This is a fun match. Don't miss it!

Contacts:

Marianne Corl: <a href="mailto:ndrtkr@comcast.net">ndrtkr@comcast.net</a> Jen Montefour: <a href="mailto:jrmontefour@verizon.net">jrmontefour@verizon.net</a>

### SPORTSMEN'S YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET

Join us at the club to find a bargain, sell, trade, or barter on lots of hunting, fishing, and reloading equipment. The yard sale/flea market will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (set up starts at 6:30 a.m.), coinciding with the first day of the Walt Wise match.

Seller/Vendor spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Outdoor set up spaces will be in the large field adjacent to the main parking lot. Bring anything to sell. Breakfast and lunch available for purchase on-site. Email Jerry Dougherty at <a href="mailto:hhanglers1@yahoo.com">hhanglers1@yahoo.com</a> to register.

### 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. The session will run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m on the following dates:

Sunday, September 22

Sunday, October 20

Bring your 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. This informal session is not a substitute for formal training.

Please register with Chris Touw at ceandersonfl@aol.com.

#### BASIC HANDGUN SAFETY COURSE

The course covers <u>SAFETY</u>, 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. Bring your own UNLOADED handgun and ammunition. If you do not own a handgun, we will provide a handgun and ammunition for an additional fee. Ammunition must remain in your car. NO LOADED GUNS OR AMMUNITION ARE TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE CLASSROOM.

Registration starts at 7:45 AM, Class starts promptly at 8:00 AM to approximately 1:00 PM.

Class to be conducted on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Registrations open September 19 thru October 19. There is no early registration.

To register, send an email to HHABasicPistol@outlook.com during the registration period.

For more information please call 717-545-6834.

Class sizes are limited.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your club will begin accepting membership renewals for 2025 starting October 1, 2024. Your 2024 membership expires on December 31, 2024. Renewal applications are included in the newsletter, or they can be downloaded and printed from the website, <a href="https://www.harrisburghunters.org">www.harrisburghunters.org</a>. 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 not be mailed to the club, or dropped off at the club. Doing so causes extra work and delays, so please mail renewal applications to: **HHA MEMBERSHIP**, **PO BOX 4129**, **HARRIS-BURG**, **PA 17111**.

RENEWAL 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS APPLICATIONS SHOULD NOT BE RECEIVED AT THE CLUB BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024.

### STRIKER-FIRE CHALLENGE MATCHES

Our next Striker-Fire Challenge combat pistol match will be held on Saturday, September 28th. No preregistration 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: <a href="https://www.harrisburghunters.org/strikerfire">https://www.harrisburghunters.org/strikerfire</a>.

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)

- September 28
- October 26

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

### WOODS WALK MATCH

HH&A will be holding its fall Woods Walk match on Sunday, October 6th 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 Woods Walk match. Limited to Centerfire Handguns only. Cost is \$1. Winner takes 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 <a href="https://www.harrisburghunters.org/copy-of-ml-winter-league">https://www.harrisburghunters.org/copy-of-ml-winter-league</a>.

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, ilambert4472@gmail.com, or 717-773-1319.

Note: The hand trap range will be closed during the Woods Walk and Long Shot Contest.

## ORDER YOUR 2024 PPC TEE SHIRTS NOW!

HH&A 2024 Police Pistol Combat (PPC) tee shirts will be available again this year. Shirt order(s) and payment MUST be sent to John Kline: <a href="mailto:jpkline601@gmail.com">jpkline601@gmail.com</a> no later than September 20, 2024. Checks can be made payable to John. Venmo/Paypal also accepted (same email). Shirts (maroon color) will be available at the October 1, 2024 HH&A General Meeting and at the October 5, 2024 PPC shoot. Cost is only \$12 for small through XL. \$15 for XXL and XXXL.

### COMPETITIVE YOUTH BB GUN PROGRAM/TEAM

The BB Gun Program/Safety class will run Wednesday, October 16 through Wednesday, December 18, 2024. We meet every Wednesday and Friday between 10/16 and 11/22; Wednesdays between 12/04 and 12/18.

Our program is primarily book work in October and November, then participants apply what they learned as they learn, then shoot the four competition positions. Each class builds on the previous class, so full participation is requested.

We meet in the indoor archery range from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and ask that participants and their adult (explained below) arrive by 6:15 p.m. The ages for this program are 8 through 15. For those wishing to participate on our competition team, practices will continue every Wednesday and Friday from January through the end of April.

Shooters in this program have a coach on the line with them at all times. A parent (or another designated adult) fills the line coach role. Parents and coaches are required to participate in the above classes along with the shooters so proper coaching techniques can be learned. (Yes, we fully train all line coaches!)

Competitions are held February through April on various weekends around the midstate (within 2 hours of HH&A). There is always a possibility of attending Nationals in Rogers, Arkansas in July (if the team qualifies at the State match in April). This would extend practices for 7 members of our team through the date of Nationals (determined in February).

Fundraising is necessary for this program, which can be found under CHAMPs in the newsletter, starting next month, or on the youth bulletin board near the kitchen. To register or for more information, please visit www.hhachamps.org/bbgun. Registration is open for the 2024-25 season! We look forward to seeing you and your shooters!

Head Coach: Burt "Rusty" Stockton - <a href="mailto:rusty@hhachamps.org">rusty@hhachamps.org</a> Assistant Coach: Pam Sultzaberger - <a href="mailto:pam@hhachamps.org">pam@hhachamps.org</a>

## 2024 KIDS FISHING DERBY

On Saturday, July 13th, the annual Kids Fishing Derby was held. There were 31 kids who participated. Those 31 kids caught 331 fish!!!! What an awesome day for them. Weather was good. It was a fabulous day for fishing.

Mark your calendars for next year's fishing derby on Saturday, July 12, 2025. Come out and have a morning full of fun! Thanks to Brian Mountain for running the event.

Here is the list of kids who participated:

Ages 5-8 Ages 5-8

Parker Dinter
Autumn Skubon
Dahlia Samardzic
Brianna Dietz
Hank Wagner
Mercy Gray
Gio Vazquez

Oakley Haldeman
Lily Bouasanoubong
Brayden Radle
Gavin Chirin
Benny Sersch
Gideon Gray
Aubrianna Stockton

Ages 9-12 Ages 9-12 Ashlev Garland Sawver Bowman Finley Bowman Dalton Kubistek Savannah Skubon Ben Skubon Liam Amick Avery Ensminger Tai Simms Aubrey Sanko Hannah Radle Douglas Howard Gianna Dietz Leelin Trish

Allen Zeigler Emmaline Mattews

# HH&A LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY OBSERVATIONS

Good news from the national front. On December 23rd, ATF posted a document to its website indicating that its recently published *Objective Factors for Classifying Weapons with "Stabilizing Braces" is withdrawn*. The withdraw notice indicates that "[u]pon further consultation with the Department of Justice and the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, ATF is withdrawing, pending further Department of Justice review, the notice and request for comments entitled 'Objective Factors for Classifying Weapons with 'Stabilizing Braces',' that was published on December 18, 2020." The withdrawal notice came only hours after Rep. Richard Hudson (NC-08) and 89 other Congressional Representatives sent a letter to ATF asking the agency to "immediately take action to correct this injustice."

In Pennsylvania, all legislation has stopped for the legislature's summer break. They will return in mid-September. Since the worst atmosphere for freedom is in the state house, and since the vote count is virtually tied (after a recent resignation by two democrats), little should get done. This is a good thing, as the current democratic leadership is a threat to all citizens.

As the nauseating presidential campaign is in full swing, and the painful tv commercials have begun, remember to do your part and search for accurate information regarding all political races. Most information from the media is skewed to progressive secular views.

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

NRA Institute for Legislative Action: <a href="https://www.nraila.org">https://www.nraila.org</a>

"I don't make jokes, I just watch the government and report the facts." Will Rogers

#### Wednesday, September 11





## The fall equinox

... and the first day of autumn arrives on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at 08:44 a.m. EDT.



... and stay safe!

Situational Awareness Day is September 26 and a good reminder to always pay attention to your surroundings, limit distractions and trust your gut. SA is a preventive mindset and tactic for personal safety. Take it seriously, enhance your readiness and **stay safe**.





#### PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION OUTDOOR EXCHANGE

An event for Sportsmen and Women to buy gently used gear.
PGC Headquarters - 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110
September 28, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Rain Date: September 29)
PRESENTATIONS ON: Hunters Sharing the Harvest, Affordable Hunting.
<a href="https://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/PublishingImages/OUTDOOR%20EXCHANGE.png">https://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/PublishingImages/OUTDOOR%20EXCHANGE.png</a>

National Honey Month - Proudly Made by Bees

Including HHA's on-site honey variety, there are more than 300 unique types of honey available in the United States alone, each originating from a different floral source. Varietal honey may be best compared to wine in terms of climatic changes. Even the same flower blooming in the same location may produce slightly different nectar from year to year, depending on temperature and rainfall. (National Honey Board).



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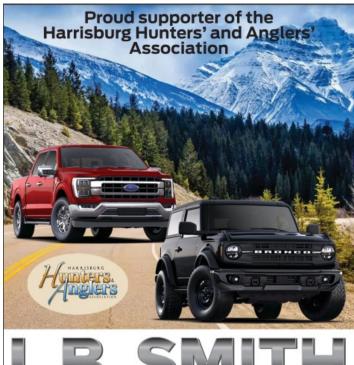
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#### CLUB NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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:

<ul> <li>John Plouse</li> </ul>	717-903-9554
<ul> <li>Alan Bernardi</li> </ul>	717-514-2729
<ul> <li>Richard Willier</li> </ul>	717-884-4878
<ul> <li>Scott Faust</li> </ul>	717-525-7847
<ul> <li>Luis Rodriguez</li> </ul>	717-648-5705
<ul> <li>Chuck Acre</li> </ul>	717-756-8975
• John Hill	717-503-7936
<ul> <li>James Lambert</li> </ul>	717-773-1319
<ul> <li>John Kline</li> </ul>	717-514-0404
<ul> <li>Steve Touw</li> </ul>	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.

