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HARRISBURG Hunters & Anglers ASSOCIATION

November, 2026

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

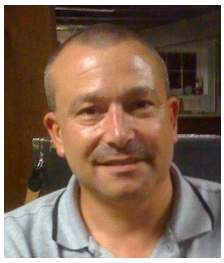
The club office is open during club meetings. Day guest passes, belt buckles, club license plates, pins and targets are available for purchase at those times.

SHEESLEY LAKE

The lake is open for fishing. **Fishing is for members only!**



President's Pen



This month we are starting an exciting new phase in your club's operations. We are implementing a web-based management system for membership, website and other functions. It is called AssociationSphere. This is the first real computer system the club has ever had.

The first two things we're doing with AssociationSphere are rebuilding the website and making memberships (new and renewal) self-serve on the web. This will save the club thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteer work hours each year just processing renewals. It will also help members keep their contact information current. Next year we will start using other functions of the system including training and event registrations, membership checks on ranges, and others.

This is a big change for your club and there will likely be stumbles. Please be patient and work with us as we make this important step forward. Thank you.

For renewal instructions, see the page 5 article titled **RENEWALS ARE HERE**.

Note: Renewals will NOT be accepted at the November general meeting due to elections.

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



UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The next three general membership meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on:
- November 3 (Election of Officers & Board of Directors)
- December 1
- January 5

Light refreshments will be served at our meetings.

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.

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the October general membership meeting, Gregory Vodzak's name was drawn to win the $250 drawing, and Michael Knight's name was drawn to win the $50 drawing. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for $71 was won by Andrew Miller.

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.

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 and consists pf 10 teams in the greater Harrisburg commuting area.

HH&A has two teams in the league, HHA and State, one of which shoots Home matches in our indoor range on Wednesday nights while the other shoots Away matches at one of the other clubs in the league.

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 it out athttps://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.

2026 PPC SEASON WRAP UP

Our 2026 Police Pistol Combat shoots are concluded for the year. Over the course of the summer, we had 6 matches and a total of 447 paid shooters. Not a record, but close!

Thanks to all who attended, especially those who volunteer to help set-up and tear down when needed. We had some excellent scores, in fact, a number of perfect 600s were shot.

Special thanks to all those involved in the recent range improvements. We now have a much larger pavilion, sturdy new barricades at all 24 positions, and an ongoing effort to improve the surface of the range.

Our end of season raffle will be held at the November 3rd General Meeting at HH&A. We are already planning our 2027 dates. Keep an eye on the Newsletter and website.

John Kline, Match Director

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

BECOMING A BETTER SHOOTER

Want to shoot better? Shooting well takes more than just knowledge of guns. It takes a solid understanding of the fundamentals of marksmanship, discipline, and lots of practice with a focus on safety. The end result will make the effort worth it!

Once you are familiar with your equipment, and its safe operation and handling, you can learn how to shoot more accurately through the application of basic shooting fundamentals (proper stance or body position, grip, sight alignment, breathing, trigger control, follow-through, etc.) and structured practice. You can learn this by taking formal training classes, and on your own with guidance/coaching from books, videos, and other experienced shooters. In time, your accuracy will improve.

An easy way to get this process started is to participate in one or more of our competitive shooting programs at HH&A. You'll meet like-minded people, gain valuable hands-on practical experience, and have an opportunity to benefit from helpful information, tips, and recommendations from accomplished experts.

Current HH&A Shooting Programs include:

- Black Powder (Rifle and Pistol)
- High Power Rifle
- Multi-Gun
- Novelty Shoots
- Police Pistol Combat
- Striker-Fire Challenge
- Summer Pistol League
- William Penn Pistol League
  - HHA Pistol Team
  - State Pistol Team
- Woods Walks
- Youth Programs
  - BB Gun
  - Competitive Air Rifle & Smallbore
  - Junior Rifle

Competitive shooting is a great training tool and a lot of fun. No prior experience or expensive equipment is required. If you think you might want to give it a try, all of the shooting disciplines listed above have web pages on our web site which provide details of what each program is all about. Please go to www.harrisburghunters.org and take a look. Each discipline has a point of contact, who will be more than happy to answer your questions and help you get started.

Good luck and good shooting!

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.

METALLIC RELOADING CLASS – RIFLE & PISTOL CARTRIDGES

There will be an NRA Basic Metallic Reloading Class held at the Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers clubhouse on Saturday, January 23, 2027 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. This 8-hour class teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to safely reload metallic cartridges. The cost for the class is $60. It covers the instruction, the NRA student packet, reloading components, and use of all reloading equipment.

Topics include introduction to reloading and reloading safety, using the reloading manual and reloading data, selecting and setting up reloading equipment, requirements for a basic reloading bench, and the actual reloading of several pistol and rifle cartridges.

An NRA Certificate of Completion will be awarded for successfully completing the course. This class is intended for beginners. Class size is limited. To register for the class, visit the NRA web site at http://www.nrainstructors.org/searchcourse.aspx. Search for this class and complete the online application. For more information, contact Fred Rogers, 717-602-8697 or mrrogers5@verizon.net.

NRA BASIC PISTOL INSTRUCTOR SHOOTING CLASS

A Basic Pistol Instructor Shooting class was held at HH&A on September 26-27, 2026. Instructor candidates are required to complete a six hour Basic Instructor Training (BIT) class and 10 hours of Basic Pistol curriculum instruction. This class includes classroom instruction, hands on training, as well as dry/ live fire range exercises. NRA Certified Pistol Instructors are certified to purchase NRA training materials and administer NRA Basic Pistol classes.

For more information on becoming an NRA Instructor, contact Fred Rogers at mrrogers5@verizon.net or 717-602-8697.



NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Shooting Class *(Front L to R): Taylor Heisey, Stephanie Rodriguez, Richard Little, Louis Jimmie III.* ***Instructors*** *(not shown) Luis Rodriguez, John Kline & Fred Rogers.*

The 2nd Amendment

"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bare arms shall not be infringed."

RENEWALS ARE HERE

They have changed. We have implemented HHA's first real computer management system. From now on, we are doing renewals online and are not using paper applications.

Do these 4 easy steps.

1. **Create your account on the Member Portal.** You have 3 choices:
   a. Click on this link https://app.asforms.net/api/as/46x3w7.
   b. Scan the QR code below.
   c. For iPhones (sorry not Android yet), download the app "AssociationSphere Portal." (Make sure to get the one with "Portal" in the name.)
   At the prompt, enter this: app.asforms.net/api/as/46x3w7



2. **Update your personal information.**
3. **Purchase your membership renewal with your credit card.**
4. **Print or save your membership.**
   a. We are no longer printing and mailing membership cards. You can do any one of the following to capture your membership to show club officials doing range checks:
      i. Print your membership card from the portal's HOME page.
      ii. On your phone, take a screen capture of your card.
      iii. Keep your receipt.
      iv. Use a digital wallet.
      v. Come to the club to get a card printed if you don't have a printer.
      vi. Call up your portal page at the range on your phone.
   b. Soon club officials will also be able to quickly look up your status on the ranges when doing membership checks.

How to get help.

Email helpdesk@harrisburghunters.org with your issues or questions. This is your best method as we will have several people answering these emails. We understand you'll have to wait for an answer and won't be able to complete your membership right away. Please be patient.

If you don't have any email or a computer, we are holding limited office hours from 11/5 – 12/20/26. They will be: Thursdays 5pm-8pm, Fridays 9am-12pm, Saturdays 9am-12pm, Sundays 11am-2pm. For these members only, we will be able to process your renewal in person. If you use a computer or smart phone, please use it to renew.

Detailed instructions if needed.

1. Create your account on the Member Portal by clicking this link:
   a. Use one of the 3 methods listed above to get to the member portal.
   b. Click on Sign Up.
   c. Fill in the fields and click Register.
   d. Wait for your confirmation email. It might take as long as an hour. Then follow the instructions on it.
2. Review and update your personal information.

a. Log into the portal.
b. Click on the person icon: from the web at the upper right; from iPhone, at bottom.
c. Update your name, address, phone, email, etc. are correct. Save your changes.

3. Purchase your membership Renewal.
   a. Click on Memberships.
   b. Click on the top drop-down box "Select Membership to Purchase".
   c. Click on Renewals.
   d. Click Purchase Membership.
   e. Complete the renewal.
   f. You will receive a Thank You note receipt.
   g. Click on Home to go back to the main screen.
4. Print your membership card.
   a. In the upper right part of the screen in blue, click on "Download Member Card".
   b. Or do any one of the other options listed above.

More information.

We will send email reminders directly to members who have not renewed. These will come from helpdesk@harrisburghunters.org. You also might receive texts, confirmations, or emails from different sources including AssociationSphere, BlueHill, DonorView, or ConnnectedView. These are OK. They are part of the same company we use. You may need to check your "Junk" or "Spam" folder for correspondence from these depending on your server.

Security/Privacy - No data is housed at HHA. It is hosted by AssociationSphere and they maintain industry standard security for all their clients. HHA will never sell or give our membership data to any other organization.

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.

