Harrisburg Hunters' And Anglers'

April 2017

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!**



President's Pen

SHOOTING RANGE ETIQUETTE 101: THE DOS AND DON'TS

So you just bought your first pistol and cannot wait to get some rounds down range?

Congratulations - welcome to the exciting, wonderful world of firearms and shooting!

Unfortunately, there are plenty of stories out there about poor shooting-range conduct. When range rules get broken, it's usually because of the l**ack of education** and the **lack of practice of proper techniques.**

This article is intended to help you avoid being "that person" - the unsafe and disruptive shooter at the range.

Being a responsible firearm owner comes with many responsibilities, safety being the most important, of course. And understanding range etiquette is an integral part of firearm safety.

Following and practicing good range etiquette, whether an indoor or outdoor range, is always the way to go. It only takes one bad apple to reflect poorly on all responsible firearm owners.

President's Pen article continues on next page.

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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting for April will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 PM. Program will be Sheriff Deputy Explosive Dog Demo with Sheriff Nicholas Chimienti Jr., Deputy Michael Klinger, and Deputy Dog Tika.

PALMYRA FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET

The annual Palmyra Friends of the NRA banquet will be held on April 9th at the Grantville Holiday Inn. Friends of the NRA raises money for youth and educational shooting programs. HH&A benefits from this organization from grants for our various educational and youth shooting programs. Please consider putting this event on your calendar. Doors open at 3 PM. Buffet dinner at 5 PM. To purchase tickets or for more info, contact Fred Rogers at mrrogers5@verizon.net. The cost of a ticket is $35. Tickets are also available online at www.friendsofnra.org. Click on "find an event".

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PRESIDENT'S PEN (Continued from page 1)

Here are a few simple rules and courtesies to keep in mind when you hit the gun range.

FUNDAMENTAL SAFETY - FIRST AND ALWAYS

While this may seem obvious, it's vital to learn and always practice firearm safety. Sometimes even experienced shooters get too comfortable in their routines and become lax with gun safety. This is never acceptable. You should always be a good student and ambassador of the **universal firearm safety rules**.

- Treat all firearms as if loaded
- Never point a gun at something you are not willing to destroy
- Know your target and what's beyond
- Keep your finger off the trigger until the sights are on target

FOLLOW CLUB RANGE RULES

This goes without saying, but we'll say it anyway - **follow the rules of the shooting range you're on.** Shooting ranges operate on fairly similar rules, but each individual range will most likely have unique rules. If you have a specific question, ask a club officer or other member. This could save you some time and grief.

LISTEN TO THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER

Range safety officers (RSOs) are present for everyone's safety. Unfortunately, they sometimes get a bad rap for yelling (remember, we all have ear protection on) or being mean. Trust us - they have a hard, risk-filled job where they occasionally get guns pointed at them - a job most people would probably not want. So why not help make their jobs easier? If you follow the firearm safety rules, practice good range etiquette and are always listening for and following the RSO's commands, you should never get singled out or yelled at by the "mean" RSO.

SLOW AND EASY

If you are a beginning shooter, you are undoubtedly experiencing a lot of new rules, terminology, techniques and procedures. Flat out - it can be overwhelming.
We recommend new shooters to "slow down - take the extra time to **think about** what you are doing - at all times. Think about where the muzzle is pointed - **think about where your trigger finger is."**
Safety is always the No. 1 priority when handling firearms. Once you make the commitment to learn proper gun safety and get some experience under your belt, you'll realize that it's the best investment you can make.

LOADING AND UNLOADING

When you are on a shooting line, there are going to be other shooters next to you. For this reason, it is of the utmost importance that the muzzle never points to the right or left of you.
Take extra care when loading and unloading your firearm, making certain to keep the muzzle pointed downrange. If you need more leverage to manipulate the slide, turn your body sideways (versus the gun). This enables you to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, as opposed to pointing it at the person next to you.

CEASE FIRES

During a "cease fire" RSOs require you to unload your gun and lock the slide/cylinder open and insert an empty chamber indicator then ask you to step behind a visible line on the ground while shooters go downrange to tape and set targets. Firearms are not allowed to be handled during a cease fire. Once unloaded, leave the firearms alone and grab everything you need from the firing line **before** backing across the line (phone, water bottle, etc.). Cease fires are a good time to chat with the shooter next to you, hydrate, send a text or check some emails. Just do all of this **behind** the cease fire line.

DON'T BACKSEAT SHOOT

How many people are fans of backseat drivers? Probably not many. The same goes for the gun range. Unless someone asks, it's courteous to keep the technique corrections and tips to your own lane, even if the person next you isn't using the **stance you would.**
However, if someone is doing something dangerous, it needs to be addressed immediately. Report the incident to the RSO, or, if you are comfortable, deal with it directly.

ONE LAST THING

Don't be the club pig!!!
Make sure to clean up after yourself when you're done shooting. Any brass, ammo boxes or miscellaneous trash should be picked up. It might seem like a small ordeal, but leaving your mess for someone else to clean up is frustrating for the next person and leaves a less-than-stellar impression.

See you at the club.

Jerry

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

MARCH RAFFLES/DRAWINGS

At the March 7th general membership meeting, Nicholas Mateseval's name was drawn to win the $250 drawing, and Christopher Davis's name was drawn to win the $50 drawing. Neither member was present. The 50/50 drawing for $66 was won by Mike Gipe.

BIG FISH WINNERS

The awards ceremony for the 2016 Big Fish Contest was held on March 7th. Thanks to all who participated, and special thanks to Mark Sweppenheiser, Waterways Conservation Officer with the PA Fish & Boat Commission, who helped give out the awards.

The winners will be posted in next month's newsletter.

PPC SUMMER LEAGUE

Our 2017 PPC Summer League starts on April 1st. We will be shooting continuous Combat 600 relays at the PPC Range on the following Saturdays, from 9:00 AM until around NOON if we have enough shooters:

· April 1 (Orientation & Training Day), 22
· May 6, 27
· June 3, 24
· July 1, 22
· August 5, 26
· September 2, 23

Cost is $5 for one-time league registration, and $5 per relay. The Match Flyer is posted on our bulletin board and web site. Our matches are open to the public. New shooters are welcome, and no prior competition experience is required. We ask that new shooters contact us in advance, so we can direct you to our orientation & training materials.

Contact: John Zebel, Match Director, (717) 834-5466, jzebel@embarqmail.com.

LADIES NIGHT ON THE RANGE

Ladies of all skill levels this night is for you. This is an informal session which will allow you to shoot at your own pace. Instructors will be on the range to assist you if you need it.

Session one will run from 5:00-6:00 pm. Session two will run from 6:00-7:00 pm. We ask that you bring your own handgun and ammunition. If you are new to shooting and don't own a handgun, we will have .22 caliber pistols available. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. No walk ins. Please contact Chris Touw at ceandersonfl@aol.com.

Sunday, April 16
Sunday, May 21
Sunday, August 20
Sunday, September 17
Sunday, October 15

WOODS WALK NOVELTY SHOOT

Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 AM at the Black Powder Woods Walk Range.
Test your hunting skills on a variety of steel animal targets set in the woods at various distances. Any center-fire, pistol-caliber handgun may be used - up to and including 45 caliber. No magnum or bottle-neck loads allowed, no scopes/dots allowed - iron sights only. Five shots at each of ten different targets - 50 rounds of ammunition required - lead or frangible bullets only.

Cost - $10.00. 50% cash payback to shooters - using Lewis Classification System (Classes A, B, and C). Please meet at the Black Powder Range by 9:30 AM to register and attend the safety briefing. Open to the public - bring a shooting friend with you.

Point of contact: Norm Templin, (717) 561-0454, natemplin@msn.net.

Long Shot Contest will be held after the Woods Walk, starting at 100 yards. Bring some extra rounds if you want to participate. Cost is $1. Winner takes all.

Note: Hand Trap Range will be closed during these events.

INTERMEDIATE HANDGUN CLASS

PPC Classroom and Indoor range. Indoor Range reserved 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. (map)

PPC Classroom and Indoor range reserved. This class is a prerequisite for more advanced classes. Must have completed the Basic Handgun Safety Class. Must have a centerfire handgun. Rimfire .22s will not be accepted. Must have two magazines or speed loaders for their handguns. For more information or to register, contact HHAFirearmsCourses@Outlook.com.

Dates for this class are April 15, June 24, August 12, October 22.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

The club will be holding a Roast Beef dinner on Saturday, April 15, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM or sold out. Donation: $9. Open to the public.

HH&A 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. The first three classes are conducted in the clubhouse. The fourth class is conducted on HH&A's indoor pistol range. All instructors are NRA Certified. Course Cost is $50.00. The course is open to the public. NO NEED TO OWN A HANDGUN. Classes run from 5:45 pm to 9:00pm evenings or weekend classes 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. 8:30 am to Noon on Sunday (range time). You must attend all classes.

April	22 & 23 Weekend
May	15, 19, 22, 26
July	10, 14, 17, 21
August	NO CLASSES
September	18, 22, 25, 29
October	16, 20, 23, 27,

To register e-mail Heather at HHABasicPistol@outlook.com or call (717) 545-6834.

SUMMER PISTOL LEAGUE

Spring is approaching quickly and soon the Bullseye pistol group will be moving outdoors. Winter league will officially end on March 31st. The 2017 Summer Pistol League begins at the outdoor range on April 26th with a practice night. Official start is on May 3rd and the matches will continue every Wednesday evening for 15 weeks. Both Rimfire and Centerfire guns are allowed.

Cost (one-time) is $10 to register 1 gun; $15 for 2 guns. Then $1 per relay. We shoot 4 relays per night, weather permitting. Banquet is held at the end of The Match Flyer is posted on our bulletin board and web site. Kay Bischof, Match Director, kay007@comcast.net.

DEFENSIVE HANDGUN SKILLS CLASS

This HHA four-hour class introduces the defensive mindset, levels of awareness, accelerated shooting techniques, speed reloading, and clearing malfunctions. A centerfire handgun is required - .380 or 9mm (or higher) semi-automatic pistol with 2 magazines or .38 cal (or higher) double action only revolver with 2 speed loaders (No .22 cal). Live fire includes 125 rounds. Prerequisite is the Intermediate Handgun class. The March 25th class is full, but there will be another class on May 20th. Contact: Larry and Shere Gibson at handgunskills@verizon.net.

FIRST STEPS PISTOL CLASS

To be held on Saturday, May 13th, August 5th, and October 7th, 2017.
Clubhouse reserved from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Indoor range reserved from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. NRA Handgun safety class for true beginners. Focus on **SAFETY** and **GUN HANDLING**. Cost is $35.00. **HANDGUN AND AMMO PROVIDED, DO NOT BRING A GUN**.

Contact Chris or Steve Touw to register, firststepsclass@aol.com or call 717-545-6834.

COMPETITIVE AIR RIFLE AND SMALLBORE

On May Saturday, May 6th and Sunday May 7th, HHA will be hosting the American Legion State Air Rifle Championship. The indoor pistol range will be utilized for this event.

We are always looking for new youth shooters that may be interested in competitive air rifle and smallbore. For more information, please contact Chris Harr at 717-395-2393 or charr2393@gmail.com.

YOUTH FIELD DAY

Saturday, June 17th will be the 25th year for Capital Area Sportsmen for Youth (CASFY) Field Day. Come out and help us celebrate and volunteer to work with the kids. The event will start at 7:00 AM and runs to about 3:30 PM. All ranges at the club will be closed all day on Friday, June 16th for set-up, and all day on Saturday for the event. If you would like to help, please attend our monthly CASFY meeting at the clubhouse on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

AR TACTICAL RIFLE COURSE

May 13, 2017 0700am to 3pm

Tactical Rifle class introduces new shooters to basic rifle cleaning and maintenance, basic rifle handling, and basic rifle shooting skills using the AR-15 rifle. This class is designed to introduce new shooters to disassembly maintenance, reassembly and a proper function check. Shooters will learn how to Zero their weapon, shoot from three basic shooting positions. This Class uses lecture and practical, hands-on exercises for the training sessions. Need 300 rds. min. ammo. Class will be taught by NRA Law Enforcement Firearms instructors.

Registration contact John Glatz at 717-448-2006, or sgmglatz@yahoo.com. cost $50

JULY GENERAL MEETING

Notice: Due to the holiday, the July General Meeting will be changed from July 4th to July 11th.

WORKERS APPRECIATION BANQUET

On Saturday, February 25th, the annual Worker's Appreciation Banquet for calendar year 2016 was held at the clubhouse. Workers and their guests had a good time and enjoyed great food, door prizes, and camaraderie. Please come out and volunteer some of your time to help with club work parties, and you could be joining us next year at the worker's banquet!

COMPETITIVE BB GUN

The clubhouse, indoor archery range and pistol range will be the scene of the Pa State BB Gun Championship on Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th. Beginning at 5 pm on April 7th, the indoor ranges will be closed until April 8th at 10 pm. The clubhouse will also be utilized and set up for this event during this time also and will be closed to any meetings or classroom instruction. This event is going to be the biggest yet as Pa has more BB gun teams attending the event. Everyone is more than welcome to come see this huge event and see all the youth that are involved.

In February, all 19 shooters were able to attend the Winter Championships held in Palmyra, Pa. A total of 23 teams attended this event. HHA's 3 teams placed 5th, 12th and 15th. A total of 127 shooters. Of those shooters, 16 total shooters achieved a 100 on the written test. HHA had 7 shooters of those 16 achieve a 100 on the written test. We are very proud of this achievement.

In March, 2 matches were held, The BB Gun NRA sections held in Spring Mills, Pa. Not all the individual results are in, the team results are HHA's 3 teams placed 7th, 11th and 14th. A total of 15 teams participated in this match. On March 18th, HHA's 3 teams participated in the Spring Fling held in Boyertown, Pa. No results are available at this time.

Burt "Rusty" Stockton 717-566-2559 or rstock1966@gmail.com.

Special Notice

Significant improvements are being made to the earth backstops for the 25/50-yard, 100-yard, and outdoor pistol ranges. This ongoing work may happen on any day and is not scheduled ahead of time. Therefore, it cannot be reflected in this Range Events Schedule.

Please expect that until this work is completed, you might have to change your plans upon arriving at the club. For instance, you might be able to use the 25/50-yard range but not the 100-yard. Or you might have to wait until the work is completed for the day. Or you might not be able to shoot on any of these ranges. The workers continue to only close the ranges necessary to keep them safe. Be patient and expect delays.

As always, range safety comes first. Please show the workers the safety and courtesy they deserve. Thanks.

April 2017 Range Events Schedule

For your convenience, this table shows when ranges are reserved for club events. (Please email rstoner7@comcast.net to report errors in this table.)

Event	Date	Day	Rifle - 25/50 yd	Rifle - 100 yd	Pistol - Bullseye	Pistol - PPC	Pistol - Indoor	Plinking	Black Powder	Archery - Outside	Archery - Indoor
Hi Power Rifle	4/1	Sat		8a-12p							
PPC Summer League	4/1	Sat				8a-12p					
Jr Air Rifle/Smallbore	4/3	Mon					6p-9p				
Quiet for Gen Mtg	4/4	Tue					7p-9p				
BB Gun	4/5	Wed									6p-9p
Reserved	4/5	Wed				12p-5p					
WPPL Indoor League	4/5	Wed					4p-10p				
Reserved	4/6	Thu				12p-5p					
BB Gun State Champ	4/7	Fri					5p-12a				5p-12a
Reserved	4/7	Fri					1p-4p				
AR Tactical Rifle course	4/8	Sat				7a-3p					
BB Gun State Champ	4/8	Sat					**12p-10p**				**12p-10p**
Jr Air Rifle/Smallbore	4/10	Mon					6p-9p				
Reserved	4/11	Tue				12p-5p					
BB Gun	4/12	Wed									6p-9p
Reserved	4/12	Wed				12p-5p					
Reserved	4/13	Thu				12p-5p					
BB Gun	4/14	Fri									6p-9p
Reserved	4/14	Fri					1p-4p				
Intermediate Handgun	4/15	Sat					10a-1p				
Jr Air Rifle/Smallbore	4/17	Mon					6p-9p				
Reserved	4/18	Tue		9a-3p							
BB Gun	4/19	Wed									6p-9p
Reserved	4/19	Wed				12p-5p					
Reserved	4/20	Thu				12p-5p					
BB Gun	4/21	Fri									6p-9p
Reserved	4/21	Fri				12p-5p					
PPC Summer League	4/22	Sat				8a-12p					
Handgun Safety Class	4/23	Sun					8a-12p				
Jr Air Rifle/Smallbore	4/24	Mon					6p-9p				
Reserved	4/25	Tue		9a-3p							
BB Gun	4/26	Wed									6p-9p
Pistol Summer League	4/26	Wed			5p-10p						
BB Gun	4/28	Fri									6p-9p
Reserved	4/28	Fri				1p-4p					
PPIH Class	4/29	Sat				1p-5p					
Ladies Night on Range	4/30	Sun					4p-9p				

HOURS OF OPERATION

Indoor Ranges and Clubhouse: 24-hr with keycard

Outdoor Ranges:

Monday thru Saturday: 7 am - Sunset

Sunday: 8 am - Sunset

(outdoor ranges must be cleared by sunset)

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND GUEST PASSES

Membership cards MUST be displayed while using any club range. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Similarly, if you bring a guest, they MUST display a guest pass. Again, NO EXCEPTIONS.

These rules help us all by ensuring our club is safely and responsibly enjoyed by ONLY our members and attended guests. These rules also mean that you must plan ahead to obtain a guest pass. Guest passes may be purchased for $10.00 from:

- any director
- our caretaker whose phone number is posted at the clubhouse
- Gipe's Floor and Wall Covering, 5435 Jonestown Rd

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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. It is recommended that the advertiser provide a pdf or jpg file of the ad they wish to run. If you're advertising something that you do not have a business card for, draft the ad yourself and send it to the club by email at HHA@1935.comcastbiz.net.

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BRASS RECYCLING PROGRAM

When at the ranges, please utilize the buckets provided for spent brass.

This brass is recycled and all funds are used to help fund all of the club's growing youth programs. We recycle this brass in two ways. All brass not suitable for reloading is sold to a salvage company, and the good brass is sold to re-loaders in the membership at very good prices.

So, when at the ranges, please remember to support our youth programs and keep your ranges looking good by placing your spent brass in the brass buckets. Please do not place steel, aluminum, loaded cases or garbage in these buckets. Brass only!!

Thank you for your support of your club's youth programs.

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.
Ammo cans large and small GREAT PRICE
Large and small pistol primers 1000 $35
Large and small rifle primers 1000 $40
Eley and SK 22 ammo Brick of 500 (limited supply) $75

All of these products are available at regular membership meetings and on special request.

SHIRTS, HATS, SWEATSHIRTS, LICENSE PLATES, PATCHES, PINS

Show support for your club by wearing club T-shirts (various types), hooded and regular sweatshirts, and new style hats. We have many colors and sizes available. We also have license plates, patches and pins available. All of these products are available at regular membership meetings at very reasonable prices.

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Join the NRA, or renew your membership, through our web site and get a $10 discount. Instead of paying $35, the cost will only be $25. Click on the ***JOIN TODAY NRA*** logo on our web page and follow the instructions.

