HARRISBURG Hunters & Anglers ASSOCIATION

December, 2024

Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association

Meeting 1st Tuesday each month 7pm

6611 Hunters Run Rd.

Harrisburg, PA 17111

717-545-6834

www.HarrisburgHunters.org

CLUB OFFICE

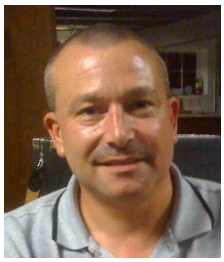
The club office is open during club meetings. Day guest passes, belt buckles, club license plates, pins and targets are available for purchase at those times.

SHEESLEY LAKE

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

President's Pen

Member Services spotlight. This month I'd like to highlight fellow member John Crawford's Hydrographic Services business as he has offered to be our club's FFL along with Hydrographic, Cerakote and Laser engraving services.



See page 2!!

See you at the club,
Jerry

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



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UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

- December 3 (light refreshments will be served)
- January 7 (installation of Officers and Board of Directors, light refreshments will be served)
- February 4 (light refreshments will be served)

CLUB DINNER

On Saturday, December 21, a Christmas Turkey dinner will be served from 3:30 until 5 p.m., or until sold out. Donation $14. In case of inclement weather, please contact Connie Tyson at 717-433-7724.

Crawford Hydrographic Services, LLC
adding style to your stuff

Hydrographics

Our hydrographics process allows us to apply unique patterns and designs to various surfaces. If we can paint it, we can customize it.

Cerakote

Cerakote provides a durable and protective coating. It also allows many choices for colors and designs.

Laser Engraving

Laser engraving allows for precise and intricate customization. If it is metal we can engrave it, from jewelry to firearms, just give us a call. 717-476-1161.

Let's work together to make your item special.

Firearm transfers for club members $25.00.

Just mention you are a Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers member.

www.CrawfordHydro.com

CLUB DRAWINGS

At the November general membership meeting, Scot Currie's name was drawn to win the $250 drawing, and Michael Davoli's name was drawn to win the $50 drawing. Neither was present. The 50/50 drawing for $47.50 was won by Jerry Dougherty.

2025 INDOOR NOVELTY SHOOTS

Held in the HH&A indoor pistol range on the following Sundays, from 1:00-3:30 p.m., using handguns AND NOW A RIFLE MATCH!:

· January 5 - .22 Rim Fire (Handgun) Match

· February 2 - .22 Rim Fire (Handgun) Match

· March 2 - Center Fire (Handgun) Match, using .380, 9mm, .38 caliber, .45 ACP - (Note: Rimfire is welcome too, but Centerfire scores better!)

· April 13 - .22 - *RIFLE MATCH* - any .22 Rim Fire Rifle - any sight / scope / irons allowed

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

RIFLE Match: Any .22 RimFire - any sight. Match shot standing without 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 (must supply your own).

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 shoots are Open To The Public!

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

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, 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 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, HARRISBURG, PA 17111**.

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

WILLIAM PENN PISTOL LEAGUE

The 2024-2025 William Penn Pistol League runs on most Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 p.m. through April 2, 2025. This is a traveling indoor 22 caliber 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. Cost is $5 per night. Sixty rounds of .22 LR ammo is required. 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 https://www.harrisburghunters.org/williampenn.

Contacts:

- John Zebel, AMP Team Captain, jzebel@embarqmail.com or 717-834-5466.
- Marshall Burnside, State Team Captain, flashlite5448@gmail.com or 717-939-5141

2025 JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

Junior Rifle starts Thursday, January 9th, 2025, 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 John Hoffer at (717) 979-6014. 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.

John Hoffer, e-mail chon243@msn.com

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 2025 general meeting, so all racks must be scored by February 7, 2025. Prizes may include trail cameras, hunting accessories, gift cards or cash. Good luck and hope to see you at the club.

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT LEAGUE

We held our 'end of season' raffle at the regular HHA meeting. A total of 458 relays were shot over the season!!!

1. $50 BASS PRO/CABELAS CARD - GENE CASH
2. 2024 PPC T-SHIRT - DAVE FEHR
3. CABELAS RANGE BAG - JOHN 'Jr' PLOUSE
4. $50 BASS PRO/CABELAS CARD - RICK WALTERS
5. FOUR AMMO/STORAGE BOX SET - DICK RUNDALL
6. CABELAS CLEANING ROD/CLP - BILL THOMAS
7. 2024 PPC T-SHIRT - MARK SOMMER
8. $25 GIFT CARD & HAT, SUPERIOR GUNSMITHING - GENE CASH
9. $50 BASS PRO/CABELAS CARD - PAUL WHIPPLE
10. CABELAS RANGE BAG - ERIC POOLE
11. $50 BASS PRO/CABELAS CARD - MARK SOMMER

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks so much for your support. We look forward to seeing you in April, 2025!!!!

John Kline

Match Director

HH&A LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY OBSERVATIONS

The election of 2024 is finally over. In the presidential race, it is my personal opinion that, since Americans have been suffering over the last four years under progressive policies that have led to hyperinflation, high crime and overall less security, a change had to happen. For those of us who are like-minded in constitutional matters, especially the second amendment, a sigh of relief is being breathed by all who cherish freedom. Also, congress should be willing to work with the president.

At the state level, the news is not so hopeful asd the power structure in Harrisburg remains the same. Progressives control the state house and the governor’s office. As the new legislative session kicks off in January we expect another round of attacks on our freedoms. Good luck to all who are going afield this hunting season.

Keep current on legislative matters at the state and federal levels. Use these links:

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

NRA Institute for Legislative Action: https://www.nraila.org

(To close, I chose the following line since I felt it best describes the current political climate in our country. Many of you will remember it.)

“It's the economy, stupid."

— James Carville (used during Bill Clinton’s 1992 presidential campaign.)

John Kline

HH&A Member

NRA Benefactor Member

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER HH & A IN YOUR WILL

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 #_____

Street _____DOB____/____/_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone _____E-mail _____

Additional Name(s)	Member #	Date of Birth
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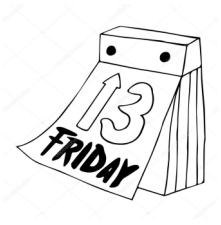
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___ Family	$	160.00
___ Young Adult	$	60.00
___ Senior	$	45.00
___ Junior	$	30.00
___ Life	$	1,500.00
___ Donation	$	_____
___ Annual Guest Pass		80.00
Total Enclosed	$	_____
Cash or Check #		

I will download the club newsletter each month to help save club costs (x) Yes ____ No ____ Revised 03-16

Your club benefits from people joining or renewing a membership to the NRA. Go to the website for information: harrisburghunters.org click on the NRA logo.



December 12 - National Poinsettia (Mexican Fire Plant) Day



Two words, paraskavedekatriaphobia and friggatriskaidekaphobia describe fear of this supposedly unlucky day.

December 21 at 4:20 a.m. is the ***Winter Solstice*** - *The shortest day and the longest night of the year.*

December 26 - National Candy Cane Day



Cane you believe it's Christmas time again? *Candy canes are the top-selling non-chocolate candy in December, with a staggering 1.76 billion produced annually in the United States.*Peppermint is known for its stomach-soothing properties which is why candy canes were not just treats, but also used for medicinal purposes in the 18th century.*The Guinness World Record for the longest candy cane measures 51 feet long. May your holiday season be delightful and sweet!

"Santa's Leading Ladies"



Did you know that reindeer:
- Can see in the dark;
- Are the only mammals who can see in ultraviolet;
- Can reach speeds of 50 mph, and both male and female reindeer have antlers. Females retain their antlers until after they give birth in the Spring, but males shed in the Fall before Christmastime. So, does Santa have an all-girl team joined by Rudolph? (Farmers Almanac)

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.

DAILY GUEST PASSES

Daily guest passes are $10.00 per day per guest. Limit, two passes per visit. They can be purchased by a HHA member only so be prepared to show your current membership card.

Daily guest passes can be purchased at the club with advance planning; contact the office or at:

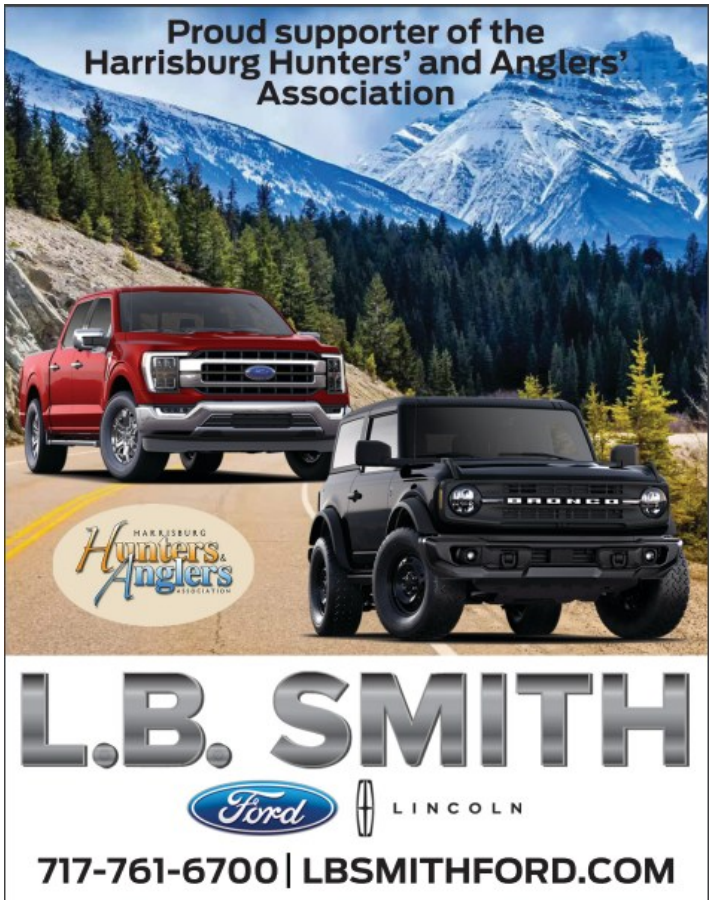
- Staudt's Gun Shop, Prince Street, Harrisburg
- Ron Steins Barber Shop, Linglestown
- Hoffman Ford, Mark Baynham, Jonestown Road

These businesses sell passes as a courtesy to the club; they do not profit by selling passes. Please be patient if they are busy with customers.

Annual Guest Passes are available from club officers. They are sold to current members only. Annual guest passes are $80.00 per year and allow a current member to bring a guest as often as that member wishes.

ROFFLER
Ron's
Man's World
Hair Replacement
BARBER SHOP
HAIRSTYLING FOR MEN & WOMEN
5932 LINGLESTOWN ROAD • PHONE 652-5353
RON STINE
BARBER/STYLIST

STAUDT'S GUN SHOP
Joe Staudt
4669 Jonestown Road
Harrisburg, PA 17109
joe@staudtsgunshop.com
Ph: 717-412-4138
Fax: 717-412-4289
staudtsgunshop.com







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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:

- 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.

