

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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The RUFFED GROUSE.

July 2023

Frank's Trap Report: As of July 1st, the league took in \$1108.00 of which \$997.20 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$110.80 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated "profit" of about \$418 to the club. Shooting for the season averaged 20 rounds per week.

Mike Galusha shot the only perfect round recorded in June on June 28th. The results of the Annual Charlie Fairman Memorial shoot held on June 21st were noted last month.

Due to a 26% increase in the cost of clay targets **we have raised the cost of shooting trap to \$5/round. Costs will remain at \$4/round for any middle school, high school, or college students.**

BKW Trap Team: The New York State High School Clay Target League ended on June 10-11 with the State shoot off at the Bridgeport Rod and Gun Club in Cicero, New York. Several members of the BKW Trap Club attended as individual shooters. Congratulations to Collin Lounsbury and Jacob Travis who finished 66th and 77th respectively in the "varsity" level competition. We are looking forward to an exciting 2023-24 season.



At our last Executive Committee meeting we voted to continue offering free clay targets to the BKW Trap Club for another year.

Member, and Club Director, Ray Haines was kind enough to make a deposit box for donations to our Youth Trap Fund. It is hanging up in the meeting room. Please feel free to contribute as all money goes to the BKW Trap Club. We currently have over \$350 towards next season's expenses.

Pistol Safety Training Courses: We have been getting quite a few inquiries about course offerings. Unfortunately, we are still looking into details and most importantly insurance coverage for the live fire component. More to come soon!

We do have two other courses coming up next month . . . Read on!



HUNTING SEASON- OUTDOOR Range Closures same as last year! Odd Closed Even Open. Indoor Range open daily! (See calendar Starts in October)

Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of America. I promise to educate future generations so they may become caretakers of our water, air, land, and wildlife.

The NYS Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program



Shotgun Science

- What does a choke do?
- How do I select the right ammo?
- How do I find the right shotgun for me?



Designed specifically for women, this course will answer those questions, and more!

Activities will include:

Patterning: Determine the effective range of a shotgun by looking at how different loads and chokes change the pattern.

Point of Aim: How to determine if a shotgun shoots where you point it.

Shooting Skills: Review shooting techniques for stationary and moving targets and then test those skills on a variety of targets.

Gun Fit: What are the factors to consider when making sure a shotgun fits and shoots well? We will explore how stock dimensions, barrel length, shotgun weight, balance and action types can affect your shooting results.

Date: August 20, 2023 (Sunday) Time: 8:30am to 12:30 pm Location: Helderberg Rod and Gun Club, 386 Quay Rd, Altamont, NY 12009 (Approximately 4 miles west of Altamont)

Instructors: Melissa Neely, Jan Hornback, Jamie Darrah, Alan Martel, and Jeffrey Peil.

What will be provided: Firearms, ammunition, targets, and safety equipment. If you are thinking of buying a shotgun, we suggest you wait until after this class.

Please do not bring ammunition. You may bring your own shotgun, but we will have plenty of guns on hand for this course.

Please bring your own bottle for water. We will have snacks and drinks available. Registration

Fee: \$30 Registration: new-york-bow.square.site opens August 1, 2023. Scan Here to make your payment!

Pre-registration is required. Limited space available. Minimum Age: 14 years old. DEC WEB PAGE: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/education/68.html> For

Questions: Contact Jeffrey Peil at jdpeil3@gmail.com or call 518-488-4521



Range Safety Officer Training Course-

When? August 19th - 8am to 5pm-

Where? At the club!

-Lunch provided by club

-Limited to the first 15 registrants

Register here:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=788677&seats=15&State=n&zip=12009&radius=25.1&id=5&bsa=&youth=&women=>

Other News:

We hired an excavator- to finish the berm work between the ranges—This obviously has been delayed with the extreme rainy weather of late.

Archery- Chris Rose proposed that we move the archery target and 3D trail over on the other side of the trap field. We are looking forward to make that happen if possible.

Indoor Range: Can be used as per the latest testing. Follow the safety rules posted.

Membership: is at capacity. We will look to increase the next upcoming renewal.

Stay Tuned for upcoming news on: .22 Rifle league, Henry Raffle, and Club Picnic on September 17!

Respectfully submitted: Eric Chamberlain, Secretary echambe4@nycap.rr.com

Do you know your club Officers?

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August 2023

- August Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:30 pm
- August Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- August 3 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm (Proposed Annual Calendar)
- August 10 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm (Election Committee, Picnic Committee)
- August 31 Last Day to Meet 5 Hour Work Credit Requirements for Work Assessments

September 2023

- September Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- September 7 Membership Meeting / Annual Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
(Election of Officers & Directors, Annual Committee Reports, Approve Annual Calendar, Budget Proposal, Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, 2023/24 Cards & Pins Available)
- September 11 Indoor Pistol League 2022-23 Season Registration & Meeting – 7:00 pm
- September Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm
- September 17 Annual Club Picnic

October 2023

-- Please Note: Outdoor Firearm Ranges CLOSED on ODD days OPEN EVEN days Starting October 1st thru January 1, 2024 -- Outdoor Archery Range Remains Open

- October 1 Due Date for Membership Renewal Forms & Dues**
- October 1 Small Game Hunting Seasons Open – Rabbit, Grouse
- October 1 Hunting Season Opens – Deer & Bear (SZ) **(10/1/23-1/1/24)**
- October Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm
- October Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- October 5 Executive Meeting – 6:00 pm
- October 12 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
(Directors' Audit Report, Budget Approval Vote,
Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, & 2023/24 Cards ONLINE & Pins Available)
- October 7-9 Youth Deer Hunt Weekend (ages 14-15) (12-13 where counties approved)
- October 21- Northern Zone Big Game Hunting Firearms Seasons Open – Deer & Bear