

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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The RUFFED GROUSE.

August 2023

HRGC's Fall Raffle is now in gear. We are only selling 300 tickets and they are moving fast so far! The Raffle is to support the projects and improvements at the club!

The prize is a brand-new Henry Golden Boy .22 lever action! As you know Henrys are one of the finest made rifles in the USA with a lifetime warranty!



You can't go wrong with a Henry from generation to generation.

Tickets are only a 10-buck donation and can be bought online here--Good luck!

<https://www.helderbergrgc.org/Sys/Store/Products/342111>

Franks Trap Report: As of August 1st, the league took in \$1453.00 of which \$1307.90 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$145.30 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated "profit" of about \$563 to the club. Shooting for the season is still averaging about 20 rounds per week.

Mike Galusha shot a "50 straight" on July 19th and Grayson Weil shot a perfect round of 25 on July 26th. Grayson has also applied for membership to the Club.

A preliminary shotgun patterning range should be available along the wood line to the left of the trap field before August 20th. Temporary markers will be in place for 15, 25 (skeet patterning), 40 (trap patterning) and 50 yards (for turkey patterning).

As part of DEC's Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program. Jeff Peil held a "Shotgun Science" program at the Club on Sunday, August 20th. The program covered shotgun basics, primarily for women. There were 9 "students" at this class. We hope to do more soon!

BKW Trap Team: The BKW Trap Club has tentatively reserved Tuesday nights from September 19th through October 24th for the NY State Clay Target League Fall season. Thanks to a recent very generous donor the BKW Youth Trap Fund now has over \$900 available to assist BKW students with trap shooting costs.

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.

Do you know your club Officers?

President -Mike Hoffman mhoffsixman@gmail.com
Vice president - Frank Fuss ffuss@nycap.rr.com
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Carolyn Reckner will be leading the Albany County chapter of Armed Women of America with

HRGC as their host! Currently the Schenectady chapter is dissolving and will be transferring those 28 members to us. This is a great program that will have regular meetings held on the first Friday of the month from 6pm to 8:30. On top of that there will be other special events, training courses, etc. Anyone interested should contact Carolyn for more info! You can also visit their website here <https://armedwomen.org/>



Armed Women of America exists to enable women to be their own self-protectors, creating freedom, peace of mind and confidence in themselves.

Picnic September 17 @2:00 /Sportsman Auction to support youth DEC campers. Please visit our website and register so we can get a headcount to have the appropriate amount of food. Everything will be provided. You can bring a dessert to share. Also bring your shotgun and shells—if there is enough interest Frank will open up for a couple rounds of trap. We are also looking for any donations for auction items. All proceeds help us support the youth DEC campers!

Our September meeting will be the election of Officers and 1 Director. Gianluca is not seeking a second term. There have been a couple nominations for his director position and all officers are running again.

September 14- Election of Officers & Directors, Annual Committee Reports, Approve Annual Calendar, Budget Proposal. Renewals can start online or in person at the meeting.

Member Cap- After discussing it at the past two meetings. The motion was made by Ray Haines to raise the cap to 300—Mike Pagano gave a second and all were in favor. Upon no objection the new cap for 2024 was passed. The EC will monitor and adjust as needed.

NEW RIFLE LEAGUE- .22 caliber rifle league will meet on Thursdays starting September 7 through October this year. The league will meet at 530 for practice and league shooting starts at 6pm. Cost is 5. For members and 8 for non-members. I think this will be a great time at the club! For further info you can contact member Jeremy Tryon at 518.256.6006 or ugadawgs90@gmail.com **BTW this will also close the odd days for hunting on those Thursdays after 12 noon.**

Are you interested in being an NRA instructor?

NRA Basic Shooting Course – being offered at HRGC!

- October 15- Instructor Led Only Course 8:00am – 5:00 pm.
- October 21- NRA Basic Instructor Training 8:00am-5:00pm
- October 22- NRA Instructor Pistol Shooting Course 8:00am-5:00pm.

The cost for EACH course is 100.00 per session. All three courses must be completed to become an NRA Instructor.

To register go to the NRA website sign up for 10/15 class here:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=795446>

And the 10//21 and 10/22 class here:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=795447>

Deadline to register is 10/01/23.

Any questions please feel free to call Tony LaTorre at 518-441-2160 or email

tlcfirearmtraining@gmail.com

Outdoor pistol range is still being worked on—so is not open for shooting yet.

A Work-Day is scheduled for September 9! (Yes, these hours will count towards your membership). Carolyn will send out an email with more info soon.

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

September 2023

- September Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- September ***NEW***Thursday Nights .22 Rifle League @6PM
- September 14 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 Sportsman Auction 2PM Start
- September 19 BKW Trap League at 6pm
- September 26 BKW Trap League at 6pm

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 (BOW) – Deer & Bear (SZ)
- October Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm
- October Thursday Nights .22 Rifle league @ 6pm **HUNTING CLOSED at NOON on Odd Thursdays**
- 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)

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