

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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The RUFFED GROUSE.

December 2021

Greetings all and Happy December to you! Our meeting on 12/9/21 was certainly well attended and we are excited for all the **new members** joining us! **Welcome** to Kevin Rogers, Jim and Ruth Pollard, Gino Serafini, Jessica Wright, Mahamud Asif, Richard Bianchi, Noel Kilinski, Dennis Rigosu, Joe Granito, Gregory Nowicki, Christopher Templeton, Alexander Belcher, Tim Whitcomb. Hopefully I did not miss anyone, and we also have a couple more that were guests at their first meeting and are looking to start the membership process. How exciting! Jan will be setting up dates for the safety orientation/range certification look for that announcement soon.

Anyone looking for some work hours? We are installing some fencing to help deter non-members from “dropping by” and using the property. Date for this project is soon so stay tuned! Bathroom floors are being worked on and will be closed for a few days during this project.

Shooting News: Our next safety course will be held in April. The **Pistol League** is meeting every Monday night except for the Monday following Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join, and new shooters need not be shy—it is a great environment to learn, and we have some experienced shooters willing to help!



The **Trap League** is off for the winter months BUT don't forget the annual New Years Day shoot at noon and the Presidents Day shoot in February. Regular league will resume in April. There are some exciting plans for the Trap League that will greatly enhance the experience!

Trees, trees, and more trees: Ron Bernhard has been meeting with the foresters about the club's **Timber Stand Improvement Program**. 543 trees have been selected for various reasons to be harvested with the intention to improve the wood lot and encourage new growth. This is being done professionally and will have long-lasting benefits. The plan is underway, and more information will follow as it develops.

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 conservation pledge in ACTION:

2022 DEC CAMP IS ON! DEC is planning to celebrate the Summer Camps' 75th Anniversary this summer with an in-person program - registration for the 2022 Camp Season opens on March 6, 2022. DEC camps combine environmental education, hunter



education programs, and outdoor recreation into an adventurous experience. The camp uses a fun, hands-on approach to teach about the environment.

Campers will have the opportunity to learn outdoor skills including backpacking, camping, and canoeing. Firsthand experiences in the outdoors have inspired many campers with a life-long passion for nature and a dedication to stewardship of our natural resources. Do you know of a youth from 11-17 that would be interested? We hope to have sponsorships available. Contact the club for more information or visit the DEC website or Facebook page for more information <https://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>

There is some promising potential to host BKW for both their **High School Trap** league as well as their **Conservation Club**. Frank Fuss has been in conversation with them, and we are excited at the possible privilege it could be to assist in educating the next generation. It was also suggested that we reach out to Duanesburg as BKW and D-Burg share in some sports—we intend to do that. This is exactly what the mission of the club is and aligned with our pledge to ***educate future generations so they may become caretakers of our water, air, land, and wildlife.***

Attention Anglers - Comment Period Open for Proposed Fishing Regulations Changes

DEC is proposing to amend sportfishing regulations that include a multitude of changes to clarify, simplify and clean up fisheries regulations based on public feedback and fishery expert review of the regulations associated with management of the State's fisheries. The proposed rulemaking also includes a limited number of waterbody specific regulation changes for improved management. Follow this link to the DEC December 10 Bulletin [The Fishing Line - December 10th Edition \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html)



Attention needed:

- Membership communication will mostly be done via email. If your email address changes, make sure that you update the website.
- Make sure that info@helderberggc.org doesn't go to "junk"
- You can make changes to your account **yourself** by logging into the website>Clicking on your name will open your profile where you have the option to edit and more!
- We will be having members only content from time to time on the website so being able to log in is necessary.
- If you have trouble logging into the website, follow the prompts to reset your password. (forgot password)
- Still having trouble? Contact John Parker or Eric Chamberlain. We can't help if you don't ask.

Finally, we hope that you and your families have a wonderful **Christmas**, and it is our sincere hope that the **New Year** ahead will be your best ever!

Respectfully submitted:

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December 1 Last Day for Receipt of Membership Renewals / No Renewals After This Date
December Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm
December 2 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm
December 9 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
December 12 Last Day Southern Zone Big Game Regular Firearms Season
December 13 Southern Zone Big Game Late Muzzleloader Seasons Open – Deer & Bear
December 21 Last Day Southern Zone Big Game Late Muzzleloader Seasons
December 22 Outdoor Ranges Reopen for All-Day Shooting
December 26 SZ Muzzleloader/Archery Big Game (12/26-1/1) (**Outdoor Ranges will be closed**)

January 2022

January 1 New Year's Day Trap Shoot (tentative)
January Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm
January 13 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm (DEC Environmental Summer Camp Approvals)

February 2022

February Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm
February 3 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm
February 10 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
February 13 Presidents' Day Trap Shoot – Sunday - 12:00 noon (Tentative)