



# *The RUFFED GROUSE*

September 2021

On Thursday September 9th the annual meeting of the Club was held to a good size crowd at precisely 7:PM by President Hoffman. The Pledge to the flag was followed by the conservation pledge. John Whaley gave the Treasurers report and a motion was made seconded and passed by the body. There will be a "Pistol Safety Class" held on October 8th at the club. You can sign up from our website (EVENTS TAB) if you are interested in attending.

Speaking of the website, some folks from time -to-time like to make a donation to the club. With the new software they are able to it on-line under the Membership Tab. You can also make it anonymous if you so choose by checking the box. Also the first time around for the membership renewals has gone pretty well with almost 2/3 of members responding already. Some folks have hit a pothole or two but most have had no issues. **If you have not received yours please check your junk mail!** As we still have over half of the membership buttons and cards still in the box from last year it seems foolish to put them all in envelopes and sort them for folks who never pick them up. There will be a bag of buttons on the table and members can take them on the HONOR System when they come to the club. You can print your own membership cards from the link you used to renew your membership.

Trap League continues on Wednesday evenings and thanks to some special folks the new LED lights are in operation as sunset gets earlier every week. Frank Fuss gave an impassioned speech on the troubles they have been having with the old trap machine and would like the club to consider installing a new machine. A new PAT machine would be a little over \$6k and the trap fund would kick in half the cost. AT normal rates the ROI would be about two years. Following some discussion a motion was made and seconded to share the cost of a new machine with the trap fund. It is hoped that this can be done ASAP. (FYI, they did investigate used machines but are hard to find and older technology).

George Gebe reported that new archery bad targets have been set up for you arrow slingers and the 3D targets are set up on the BLUE Trail. Please remember to set out the Flags (AT Pavilion and trailhead) if you are going on the trail and **ONLY FIELD POINTS** are to be used. The Fall/Winter Pistol league will begin next Monday evening 9/13 at 6PM.

ACCA- Only a couple of items on the Conservation report. DEC has released the final changes to the Big Game regulations. Starting this season all Firearms hunters for Big Game must wear "Fluorescent Orange" or "Fluorescent Pink" while afield. This includes the Muzzleloader ranks. A minimum of 250 sq/in of solid orange/pink above the waist visible from all directions, or, patterned orange/pink at least 50% containing 250 sq/in, or, hat or cap no less than 50% orange/pink visible from all directions. Also legal hunting hours are now 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Buildings and Grounds- Roof above the Ladies room is still leaking after many attempts to correct. We had a roofing contractor come in to assess the situation and he feel sthe flashing between the original building and the addition is not sufficient as well as many of the nails on the original building are coming loose. They gave us a price to repair the flashing and inspect the entire roof for loose nails and replace. A motion was made and seconded to approve the roof repair which was carried by the membership.

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Membership— There were 180 memberships eligible for work assessments of which there were 1264 hours recorded. Of those hours 21% were by club officers but only 16% of those members eligible actually recorded hours. If you are having problems renewing on line please send us an email and someone will get with you to complete. We have three members we know that are not renewing and have around 10 new applicants waiting to see how many opening we will have after renewals are completed.

The outdoor range will be closed on September 14th after noon as it will be used by DEC for a training session.

We received an email from a member that had concerns over someone using the range that may not have been a member. When he arrived the doors were locked and no one signed in but a "family" using the range. They quickly departed upon the members arrival. We are not sure if they were a member or not but please remember to sign in for all activities and help us by reporting any suspicious activities.

Next up was Election of Officers for the coming year.

As we have one Director resigning because he cannot make enough meetings and one Director who is not running for re-election, we have two Directors positions open. Per the Constitution the Executive Committee shall Appoint replacements prior to the end of their terms except the President who will be replaced by the Vice President. After consultation the EXEC Committee appointed Gianluca Alonzi as the replacement Director filling out a two year term. Members were solicited for any nominations from the floor for remaining officers. The slate which was proposed is as follows;

President—Michael Hoffman

Vice Pres—George Gebe

Treasurer—John Whaley

Secretary—**Open**

Director—3 year—Ray Haines

Membership Chairman—John Parker

A motion from the floor to have the secretary cast one ballot for the proposed slate was seconded and passed by the body. As you can see there is an opening for someone to fill the Secretaries position. Anyone interested should contact the Club immediately.

**Last but not least is the annual club Picnic. September 26th is the date, see the flyer for details on the last page!**

A motion to adjourn was made and passed @8:15

Respectfully Submitted—Eric Bratt—Secretary



*The Ignorance of One voter in a Democracy impairs the security of All,*

*JFK*

## September 2021

- September Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm  
September 9 Membership Meeting / Annual Business Meeting – 7:00 pm  
(Election of Officers & Directors, Annual Committee Reports, Approve Annual Calendar, Budget Proposal, Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, 2021/22 Cards & Pins Available)  
September 13 Indoor Pistol League 2021-22 Season Registration & Meeting – 7:00 pm  
September Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm  
September 26 Annual Club Picnic & Chinese Auction

## October 2021

-- Please Note: **Outdoor Firearm Ranges Closed Until 12:00 Noon Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>** --

### **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 Archery Season Opens – Deer & Bear (SZ) (10/1-11/19)  
October Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm  
October Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm  
October 7 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm  
October 8 Albany County Pistol Safety Class - 7:00 pm  
October 14 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm  
(Directors' Audit Report, Budget Approval Vote,  
Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, & 2021/22 Cards & Pins Available)  
October 16 Muzzleloader Season – (NZ) (10/16-10/22)  
October 9-11 Youth Deer Hunt Weekend (ages 14-15)(12-13 where counties approved)  
October 16 SZ Turkey Season Opens (October 16 – October 29)  
October 23 NZ Firearms Big Game season (10/23-12/5)

## November 2021

-- Please Note:

**Outdoor Firearm Ranges Closed Until 12:00 Noon November 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Outdoor Firearm & Archery Ranges Closed All Day November 20<sup>th</sup> thru December 21<sup>nd</sup>**

- November Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm  
November 2 Election Day (Remember Your Second Amendment Rights!)  
November 6 Crossbow – Deer/Bear (11/6-11/19)  
November 7 Southern Zone Big Game Hunting Crossbow Seasons Open – Deer & Bear  
November 11 Veterans Day – Honor Our Veterans  
November 11 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm  
November 20 Southern Zone Big Game Hunting Firearms Seasons Open – Deer & Bear

### **Do you know your club Officers?**

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### **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.

# Helderberg Rod & Gun Club Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 26, 2021

To help get a little more normalcy back into our activities, the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club is looking to restart our annual picnic. **We are planning our picnic for Sunday, September 26th at 1:00 pm at the club.**

Due to lingering Covid-19 concerns, this picnic will be held differently than in past years.

This year, you will bring your own meal, utensils, and drinks. (No dish to share.)

We will start eating at approximately 1:00 pm.

There will be a couple grills available for your use to cook your meat.

We will be eating outside under the pavilion and tarp tent with tables and some chairs spaced apart.

You may also want to bring your own lawn chairs if you want to sit in them instead of the picnic tables during the meal and visiting afterward.

**Please contact Carol Whaley at 518-858-4432 by September 20<sup>th</sup>** to let her know if you will be attending and how many will be coming with you so we can have an idea of how much table space we will need.

If I don't hear from you, I will assume you are not coming.

If we do not get enough interest we will cancel it.

**There will be NO auction this year following the picnic.**

We are looking forward to having an enjoyable day outside visiting and chatting with members and your families.

Hope to hear from you soon :)

Carol Whaley

Event planner

Sunshine Committee

