

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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# *The RUFFED GROUSE.*

February 2022



**February is here** and the days are getting longer and the anticipation of spring being around the corner is in the air! (Frankly I don't care what the groundhog said!). It appears that things are letting up with COVID restrictions and such—so maybe along with Spring we will maybe be getting back to a “little” more normal, here's hoping!

**What a long, strange trip it's been!** (Jerry Garcia)



## **Club NEWS!**

Currently, we have some exciting projects in the works at the club and we will announce those as they are complete. Membership is solid and there is a large number of folks on the waiting list which shows that there is strong interest in HRGC and growth is good!

**We want to better serve you** and our community and the best way to accomplish this is through communication. **Keep your club profile up to date.** You can do this through the website by logging in and updating what is necessary and ensure that the correct email is listed. All club communication is electronic, so it is important that we have the correct info! Need help? Let us know.

**Presidents Day Trap Shoot!** Don't miss this as it is always a great time. We will start around noon on Sunday **February 20**. Everyone is welcome and there will be experienced shooters to help guide you if you are new to the sport. Let's make this a great turnout!

**Break out the ICE FISHING gear!** See attachment and share with all your friends. This is a fun way to support our youth and send them to camp this summer.

**February 26** hit the ice—catch some fish—maybe win a prize—most of all share your support for a worthy cause!

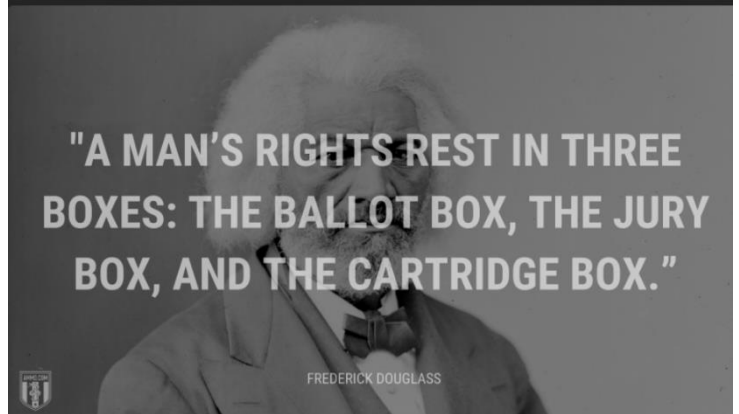


### *Conservation Pledge*

*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.*

**From the Director of Membership –  
John Parker**

“Because most of the communications going forward is via email, it is VERY important that you keep your club profile updated on the club website. A handy way to know if your email address is up to date is if you receive the Ruffed Grouse each month in your in box. If that stops, then there's probably something wrong.”



Respectfully submitted: Eric Chamberlain, Secretary

**Do you know your club Officers?**

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# **ALBANY COUNTY CONSERVATION ALLIANCE**

## **ANNUAL ICE FISHING DERBY**

**SATURDAY FEB. 26 8:00 TO 12:00**

**AT WARNER'S LAKE**

**REGISTRATION 7:00 TO 9:00 ALL MUST BE REGISTERED**

**Registration \$5:00**

**Parking at The Maple Inn**

**Prize Divisions: Youth—15 and Younger**

**Adult—16 and older**

**PRIZES AWARDED AT 12:30 P.M.**



**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SENDING YOUTHS TO DEC.  
SUMMER CONSERVATION CAMP.**

**Questions: Contact Chuck Berenger 518-466-4259**

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**REGISTRANTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS**

**ADDITIONAL RAFFLE PRIZES AVAILABLE AT \$1.00 A CHANCE**

**Never Ice Fished Before? -**

**We have all the equipment to get you fishing for the day!**

**AII NYS FISHING REGULATIONS APPLY**

**President- Tim Barnard**

**Vice Pres.- Dennis Candee**

**Secretary-Mike Speranza**

**Treasurer-Bill Lyons**



**February 2022**

- February Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm
- February 20 Presidents' Day Trap Shoot – Sunday - 12:00 noon (Tentative)
- February 26 Ice Fishing Derby (benefit the Youth DEC Camps **See attached**)

**March 2022**

- March Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm
- March 10 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
- TBA Cabin Fever Shoot

**April 2022**

- April Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- April Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- April 7 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 14 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm  
(Sportsmen's Auction)

**2022 Spring Turkey Hunting Season (no map)**

	Regular Spring Season	Spring Youth Turkey Hunt
<b>Hunting Hours</b>	One-half-hour before sunrise to noon	One-half-hour before sunrise to noon
<b>Area Open</b>	All of upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary	All of upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary plus Suffolk County
<b>Season Dates</b>	May 1 - May 31	April 23 - 24, 2022
<b>Season Bag Limit</b>	Two bearded turkeys (one bird per day)	One bearded turkey

**May 2022**

- May Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- May Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- TBA Albany County Pistol Safety Class – 7:00 pm
- TBA Pistol League Banquet
- May 12 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
- May TBA Annual Club Banquet – 6:00 pm (at ?)

**June 2022**

- June Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- June Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- June 2 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm (Approve Renewal Form, Approve New Member Application Form)
- June 9 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
- June TBA Charlie Fairman Memorial Trap Shoot