

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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The RUFFED GROUSE.

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Greetings all as we welcome the beginning of the summer season! WE have been busy getting things done and as many know we have a lot of things in progress! There is nothing majorly new to report on most items except to say they are “underway”—ranges, forest management, etc.

NEW MEMBERS: We have reach out and met with several prospects and would like to introduce **Mary Rose Rostocki, Andrew Waxman, Eric Fana, Jared Dolatowski, Jeff Nuding, Dave St John, and Phil Fouche.** Welcome to HRGC! We are glad you are here and hope that you enjoy the club.

This past meeting was attended by over 30 members and was held outside (personally I enjoyed being outdoors) What do you think? Should we meet outside over the summer months? **Frank Fuss** Reminded us of the Charlie Fairman annual trap shoot—report on that can be viewed in this letter. **BKW Trap league** is coming together, and we are working hard to make that a reality! It really would be great to be part of making this available to the younger generation.



Speaking of Trap-- OK a WHOLE lot of Trap> As of May 31st the league took in \$609.00 of which \$548.10 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$60.90 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated “profit” of about \$260 to the club. Shooting for April averaged just over 13 rounds per week with no days lost to inclement weather. We had a total of **4 perfect rounds shot in May.** Three of the rounds were shot by Mike Galusha (May

4, May 11 and May 25) and one round was shot by Jerry Seyboth on May 18. Mike also shot a 48 on May 4 and a 49 on May 25 so he is “knocking on the door” for a 50 straight patch. Yes, those of us who shoot trap think the new Pat Trap is easier to hit than the old Winchester Western machine we used for many years. The new trap is adjusted to rotate through the 44-degree angle specified by the ATA in their rules. The old Winchester Western trap machine had several “pegs” that were used to set the angle and was set to throw a wider arc than the new Pat Trap.

Trap meets every Wednesday starting at 6PM right through fall (under the lights). Come join the fun! All are welcome no matter your skill level.

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.

11th Annual Charlie Fairman Memorial Trap Shoot: We had 14 shooters in total; 1st round, high score 24 Chester Lee; 2nd high, tie at 23, Bill Film and Mark Cardinal. 2nd round; high score 25 Jerry Seyboth; Second highest, tie at 24, Chester Lee and Mike Galusha. Blind Score winner, Bob Bernhard, a repeat winner, his name will be added to Memorial Plaque at the club. Thanks to all who participated, especially members of Charlie's Family, it's always a pleasure to have their support! A special thanks to **Bianca Carter**, who volunteered as official Scorer and to **Frank Fuss** for donating monies to cover the shooter's costs. Also, thanks to all the participants who donated funds to the League, they were much appreciated. Thanks to you Eric for your efforts in promoting the Shoot. Hopefully next year will see a bigger turnout, we can always hope. **(Submitted by Gary Lanphear)**

Hunter Safety- Next class Saturday **July 30** at the club.



- firearm and crossbow handling and safety techniques
- History of firearms
- Knowledge of firearms and ammunition
- Proper gun handling and storage
- Marksmanship fundamentals
- Hunting laws and regulations
- Principles of wildlife management and wildlife identification
- Outdoor safety
- Hunter ethics
- Hunter responsibility toward wildlife, the environment, landowners, and the public

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/92267.html#Hunter>

3D Archery to be set up. Anyone interested in helping to get our archery program off the ground please contact me. Targets will be placed on and around the bridge trail just off the archery target range. PLEASE use field tips ONLY on all targets—no broadhead practice on any club targets. I will report more on this as it develops.

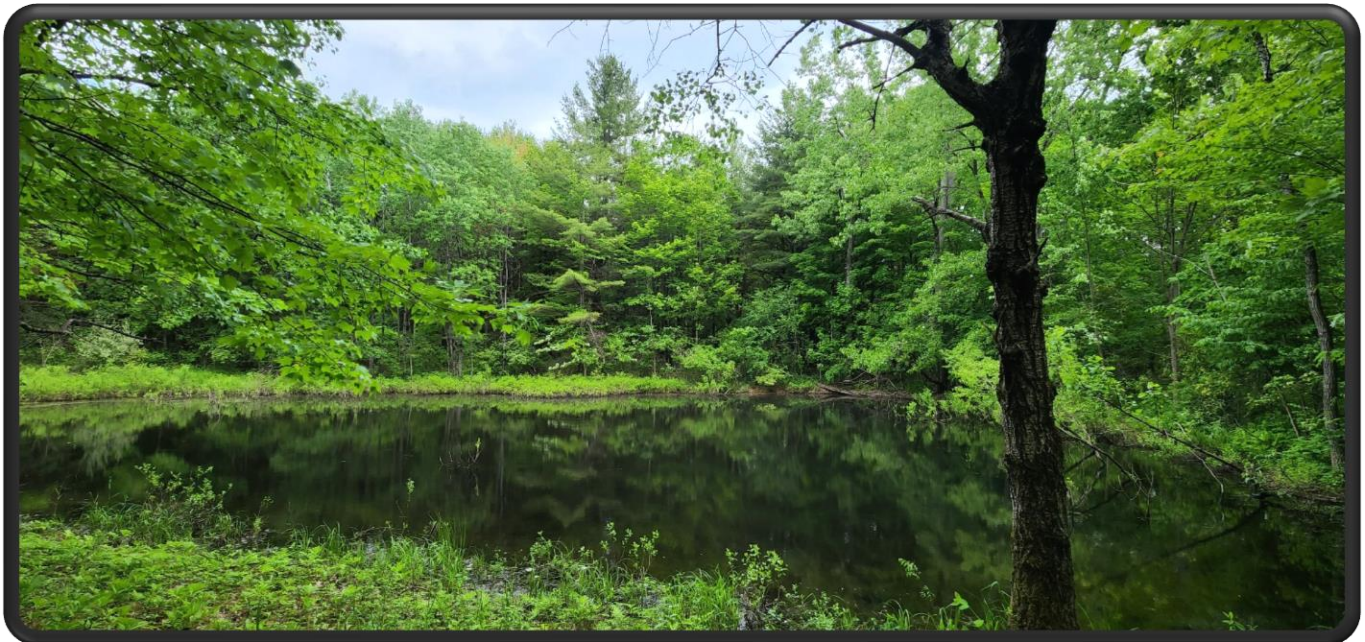
Tickets and Hoodies- I have been so busy running the online store for the sale of raffle tickets—great news they are all sold, and the raffle will be held in a couple days. Good luck to all the entries and thanks to all for their generous support of your club. **This was a good test of our online store**-it worked perfectly and now the next thing on the agenda is setting up for the HRGC shirts, caps, and hoodies. I will get that set up as soon as I can and of course send out an announcement when available

Outdoor Range: Still on the To-Do list is a bridge to cross the stream to reach the 200-yard target stand. This is something we really want to get done, but with so much going on it hasn't grown wings yet. In the meantime, our 100-yard target stands are getting well used and quite worn. We are thinking of using the old RR ties removed from the indoor range to help build bigger and better stands.



Lastly from our membership director John Parker: Reminder: If you do any work around the club, you must send John Parker your hours so that he can record them. We are no longer looking in the activity log for these. Make sure that you keep your email address up to date so that you will receive membership renewal updates. If you need help with us let us know.

A BIG Thank you to those keeping the grass mowed. It looks better than ever! We can always use some more help keeping our grounds maintained. We have so much to be proud of at HRGC and we are truly blessed to have this spectacular property.



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July 2022

July Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:30 pm
July Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
July 14 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
July 30 Hunter Education Course

August 2022

August 2021-22 Renewal Forms Available (10/1/22 Due Date)
August Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:30 pm
August Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
TBA Albany County Pistol Safety Class – 7:00 pm
August 4 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm (Proposed Annual Calendar)
August 11 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm (Election Committee, Picnic Committee)
August 31 Last Day to Meet 5 Hour Work Credit Requirements for Work Assessments

September 2022

September Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
September 8 Membership Meeting / Annual Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
(Election of Officers & Directors, Annual Committee Reports, Approve Annual Calendar, Budget Proposal, Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, 2022/23 Cards & Pins Available)