

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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The RUFFED GROUSE.

June 2022



July Trap Report: As of July 1st, the league took in \$913.00 of which \$821.70 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$91.30 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated “profit” of about \$390 to the club. Shooting for the season averaged just over 15 rounds per week with no days lost to inclement weather.

We had one perfect round shot in June. This round was shot by Jerry Seyboth on June 15th during the Annual Charlie Fairman shoot. Other results for the Charlie Fairman shoot were previously reported in the June edition of the Ruffed Grouse.

Representatives of the Club met with several prospective members of the future Berne Knox Westerlo Trap Team on June 16th. The Club has generously offered to let BKW Team Members will shoot practice rounds on Wednesday evenings for the cost of birds (\$2.50/round). Any prospective team members should contact Frank Fuss (ffuss@nycap.rr.com or 843 697-5962) in advance to secure the BKW rate. Two individuals are currently signed up.

Range Update—The wood needed has been ordered and will be picked up in a few weeks—meanwhile work continues slowly. We will be scheduling some workdays where we will need some help with the trap installation etc. We have some other exciting ideas that we are kicking around—hope to share them soon!

Pistol Class—Was held this month. Steve reports a great turnout. The next class is tentatively set for October, however with our lovely new NYS gun laws we have no idea what any of this is going to look like.

Speaking of the new “laws”: Once the dust settles and there is a clear idea of what is going on we will share with you—in fact we hope that we can get someone to come speak at a meeting for the sake of membership’s better understanding on how this will affect **legal** gun owners.

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.

DEC CAMP CANCELLATION the DEC Summer Youth Camps Program must cancel week 3 (July 17-22) at Pack Forest. Parents will receive a check refund due to this cancellation. Sponsors should contact EducationCamps@dec.ny.gov to request a refund.

The New York Department of Health requires that all camps always have a qualified and certified Health Director on staff and in the camp when children are present. Unexpectedly, they do not have a Health Director for Week 3. They are working diligently to ensure they have a Health Director at Pack Forest for the rest of the summer.

we need some help!

We want to start a few things around the club—but we need some folks that would be interested in helping.

- First, we want to start having more events at the club. One successful event we had recently was the .22 shoot. We would like to do this more often and regularly. If you would like to be part of this team, please reach out to us.
- Secondly, we would like to start a small committee with a focus on fund-raising. This group would be headed by a “**Fund-Raising Coordinator**” and work closely with the Executive Committee.
- Archery—we are still looking to get archery off the ground at the club!

WE NEED YOU TO



VOLUNTEER

Other Committees that could use help are Indoor Pistol League, Membership Committee, Trap League, Building and Grounds, Forest Management. If any of these interests you, please let us know. *Many hands make light work. The more people that get involved the more fun, informative, and successful the club will be. This is your club so let's make it better together!*



Club Picnic is coming in September! We are doing things a little different this year in that the club will provide the food. There will be a “donation” jar available. We hope that we can combine an event in with this and make it fun! **STAY TUNED FOR A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT.** Anyone that would like to be involved in the planning and orchestration of this contact the EC.

Workshops will continue! The next workshop will be held at the September meeting. We will be having our own Eric Bratt talking about Black Powder firearms! We are also hoping we can follow this up in the near future with a black powder shoot. This will be a good one you won't want to miss!
Other workshops soon> To include George Gebe and John Whaley sharing their expertise of fishing—including stripers of the Hudson!

New events? Should we consider as membership changes and new generations are entering should we develop some new events? Are the historical events stale and unappealing? Do we need new or dust off and rebrand the old? Any ideas on this are welcome! What would be of interest to you and make the club a better place?

The RAFFLE was a huge success! -what a great raffle and thank EVERYONE for your support of HRGC!!! We appreciate you all!

Congratulations to the winners:

1. Maurice Duboy Sr
2. Rob Lawrence
3. Jacob Brewster
4. Rich Romeo
5. Jake Morseman

We will do another raffle soon!!

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



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July 2022

July Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:30 pm
July Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 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
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)