

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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The RUFFED GROUSE.

September 2022

Elections of board and officers: First **George Gebe** declined from running for another term as VP as he wants to retire for a while. George, thanks for your service to the club. We know that you will still be involved in other ways but enjoy whatever comes next. Also, **John Parker** did not wish to seek another term as Membership Director—Thanks John for helping in many ways serving on the EC. Frank Fuss was the only nomination for VP and **Mike Pagano** stepped up to fill Frank's open Director seat. There were no other nominations heard from the floor, so with that Secretary, Eric Chamberlain cast a single vote for each of the officers and new director. Hearing no objection, the executive committee now consists of Officers: **President Mike Hoffman, Vice President Frank Fuss, Secretary Eric Chamberlain, Treasurer, John Whaley, Membership Director (OPEN), and your Board of Directors, Ray Haines, Gianluca Alonzi, and Mike Pagano.**

Thanks to all that are willing to step up to be the current Executive Committee. **If anyone would like to help by taking the role of membership director—please let us know!**

ONE LAST HURRAH BEFORE WINTER!

**HELDERBERG ROD
& GUN CLUB**
Annual Club Picnic

FOOD PROVIDED!
SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS, SALADS,
BEVERAGES.
ANYONE THAT WANTS TO BRING
DESSERT LET US KNOW!

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 | 1PM
CLUB PAVILLION

RSVP ON THE WEBSITE OR EMAIL:
INFO@HELDERBERGVC.ORG

Club annual picnic! We hope that you have heard about and will join us for the Annual Club Picnic on Sunday September 25 at 1 PM. **This year the club is providing the meal (donations accepted)** and anyone that would like to bring a dessert to share that would be great! We would like to get a headcount soon so we can get enough food etc. You can either let me know or preferably you can register on the events page of the website.

<https://www.helderberggvc.org/event-4961788>

We will be raffling off some Ammo during the day!

Bring a chair and a dessert to share if you wish!

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.

Join us for our October membership Meeting: Carolyn and Chuck Reckner's children will be joining us and giving there reports on their DEC Camp that they attended this summer!



Frank's Trap Report: As of September 1st, the league took in \$1315.00 of which \$1183.50 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$131.50 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated "profit" of about \$558 to the club. Shooting for the season averaged just under 15 rounds per week. August 17th was the only day lost to rainy weather this season.

We had two perfect rounds shot in August. One round was shot by Jerry Seyboth on August 3rd and the other by Frank Fuss on August 10th. This was Frank's first 25 in trap.

We still have not heard anything about the BKW trap team starting up this fall despite several phone calls to the league coach.

The September Meeting was attended by around 30 people including new members Joe Tote, John Vlainich, and Don Ferris. Welcome to HRGC! We are glad you're here.

Committee help needed! A couple things discussed was that we now have Matt Hoffman as a Fundraising Chair it would be helpful if we had a small group working with him on that. Also, in need of assistance are the Reckner's, Carolyn and Chuck, who stepped up to be Project Coordinators. This group will help keep all the projects on track and members aware of what needs to be done for maintaining and improving the club.

Steve Baker spoke briefly about the pistol safety courses, which are temporarily on hold until there is better understanding of the new laws and requirements in affect. He can put together a course curriculum but first we must check into our insurance for the new live fire requirements of the course.

The club is allowing the DEC to use our club property a couple times this fall for training—dates will be announced when known.

Question was raised about notification of range closure for hunting season. Notifications will continue to be sent and signs hung at the club. From 10/1 to 01/01 the range will operate under an odd/even closure. Even days the outdoor range is open, and hunting is limited to the safe zone. Odd days the outdoor range is closed. Good luck to the hunters this year! Fill those freezers!

The budget was presented, with no objection and copies are available for those interested.

**Helderberg Rod & Gun Club
Forest Management Committee 2022 Report**

Last year's update to our Management Plan calls for a selective harvest in Stand #3. The purpose is to remove lower value trees.

In October we contracted with Tony DeIVescovo to mark the trees to be removed and to estimate the volume and value that would give us a basis for a sales contract. This was done at a cost of \$660 (\$55 per acre) of which \$220.00 has been paid.

We then extended our agreement with Tony to administer the sale. This includes finding a reputable buyer, securing a reasonable price, preparing and awarding a contract and inspecting the work to completion, while concurrently obtaining approvals from DEC.

In March, Tony on behalf of the Club, presented a Sale Agreement to Guy DeGennaro. It calls for him to pay us \$2250 when he signs the contract and the balance of \$2250 before he begins the job. Tony recommends Mr. DeGennaro because our job is small, and DeGennaro works alone. He also has an established reputation of being careful and deliberate in his work which is important to protect the valuable trees that remain. Additional payments for Tony's services will be due when the contract is signed and again at project completion. Hopefully activity will get underway soon.

This work is required because we participate in New York's Forest Tax Act Program and agree to follow the advice of a Professional Forester. In return the Club receives an 80% reduction in the assessed value of our woodlot which significantly reduces our annual tax bills. For example, our 2021 School Tax bill was reduced by \$1,177.52 and the 2022 Property Tax Bill was reduced by \$332.54.

Ronald Bernhard, Chairman
Forest Management Committee

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

Do you know your club's Officers?

President -Mike Hoffman mhoffsixman@gmail.com

Vice president -Frank Fuss ffuss@nycap.rr.com

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Membership Chairman- Position Open`

October 2022

-- Please Note: Outdoor Firearm Ranges CLOSED on ODD days OPEN EVEN days Starting October 1st thru January 1, 2023 -- 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 Hunting Season Opens – Deer & Bear (SZ) **(10/1/22-1/1/23)**
- October Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm
- October Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- October 6 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm
- October 13 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
(Directors’ Audit Report, Budget Approval Vote,
Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, & 2021/22 Cards & Pins Available)
- October 8-10 Youth Deer Hunt Weekend (ages 14-15) (12-13 where counties approved)

November 2022

-- Please Note: Outdoor Firearm Ranges CLOSED on ODD days OPEN EVEN days Starting October 1st thru January 1, 2023

- November Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm
- November 8 Election Day (Remember Your Second Amendment Rights!)
- November 7 Southern Zone Big Game Hunting Crossbow Seasons Open – Deer & Bear
- November 11 Veterans Day – Honor Our Veterans
- November 10 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
- November 19 Southern Zone Big Game Hunting Firearms Seasons Open – Deer & Bear

December 2022

-- Please Note: Outdoor Firearm Ranges CLOSED on ODD days OPEN EVEN days Starting October 1st thru January 1, 2023

- December 1 Last Day for Receipt of Membership Renewals / No Renewals After This Date
- December Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm
- December 1 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm
- December 8 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
- December 12 Southern Zone Big Game Late Muzzleloader Seasons Open – Deer & Bear

January 2023

- January 1 New Year’s Day Trap Shoot (tentative)