

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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The RUFFED GROUSE.

October 2022

Membership- Greetings everyone. We still have several members that have not renewed. If you plan on renewing, please do so asap. Before long we will have to assume that your plan is to not continue your membership. If you are not continuing membership, please reach out to us and either return your access card or mail them to PO Box 151 Altamont, NY 12009.

We have new members to welcome and there are some more in process. Welcome Greg Lobalbo, Lucas Madonna, Michael Wood, Darin Cook, Nick Gannon, Alexander Racette, Ronald Zadrozny, Seth Madden, Brad Harris, Christopher McDuffie, Andy Lucks! I have been sorting through many applications, so I hope I didn't miss anyone! Welcome everyone we are glad you are here! Hope you feel right at home at HRGC!

Additionally, Ruth Pollard has accepted the request of the EC to fill the Membership Director. The EC agreed unanimously, and Ruth has been appointed to the open position. We are glad to have Ruth as part of the Executive Committee and we strongly feel she will be an asset to the club and membership. We need membership involved. We would love to make the club more community friendly. Fire pit/more events etc. However, we can't do it without your help! Can we count on you?

Frank Fuss' Trap report: As of 10/1 the league took in \$1549.00 of which \$1394.10 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$154.90 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated "profit" of about \$650 to the club. Shooting for the season averaged just under 15 rounds per week.



We had three perfect rounds shot in September. Interestingly all three rounds were shot on September 21st. The rounds were shot by Jerry Seyboth, Mike Galusha and Frank Fuss. The trap field was opened following the annual club picnic on September 25th. Unfortunately, only two shooters took advantage for the "free" trap.

The Berne Knox Westerlo trap team project continues to move slowly forward. The BKW Board of Education has given the final approval to the project, and it seems the formal start of league will be for the spring trap season. **GREAT NEWS!!**

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.

NO pistol League reports this month—waiting on range opening.

At the October meeting we planned on having the report from **Carolyn and Chuck Recker's** children of their experience at the DEC camp this summer, but the photos were not ready. We will be moving that to the November meeting.

We are also still working through the details of having Carolyn and Chuck help keep us on task by coordinating all the projects. This is coming together and promises to be a positive change as we strive to improve the club, property, and all it offers.



Targets-The Executive committee has made a decision that I know most everyone will like. We are bringing back the ability to use **silhouette targets** as you practice self-defense! Please use grayed targets or something other than solid black to avoid any misrepresentation that could be controversial. We must be respectful to everyone.

In addition to that we plan on **bringing back the “gong”** target at the 200-yard target stand. The Executive Committee has fully agreed that **metal targets should and can be re-introduced** to the range use. **That said and this is vitally important—This does NOT mean that members can bring their own metal targets. All metal targets will be approved and properly installed by the EC-ONLY. Bringing and using your own metal targets is still prohibited.** We hope that when these targets are used it will be more interactive and fun as we are safely using the range. **There will be an official statement soon that will contain everything you need to know about policy and use.**

This year's picnic was a great success! Around thirty members came, and it was a great day. We also had a raffle that brought in almost a thousand dollars! Thanks for all those that helped. We hope to make it bigger and better next year with more in attendance.

Treasurer report: The board of directors sat down and did an audit on our finances this month. Finding everything in order it was recommended to membership to approve and accept both last year's budget results as well as the budget for this upcoming year. The motion was brought forth and approved with no objection heard.

Do you have spare tools? We are looking to get a tool storage cabinet and various hand tools to do the work around the club. We approved a purchase, but if members have extra, they would like to donate let us know.

Indoor Range- The indoor range is coming along nicely. We still have work to do, but we are getting close. We are finalizing the venting system now—the venting system will now include small fans to draw out the primer smoke from the shooting stations. This will be a great added feature as now the vents are not powered. This will greatly improve the air quality for the shooters.

Also approved- A small hot water tank and new well pump. We received free insulation and will be insulating the ceiling in hopes to make it more comfortable and save fuel money.

Frank Fuss is working out the details for a **shot gun patterning range** over on the trap field side of the property. This will be great as it will be all set up for you and your shotgun. Once this is complete, we want all shotgun use on that range only. We hope this eliminates the use of the single projectile target frames for shot guns as they get destroyed and are not supposed to be used in that manner. This will be a great addition and will have yardage stones, so no guessing is required.



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**HRGC FALL CROSSBOW RAFFLE
ONLY 200 TICKETS**

BARNETT HYPERTAC 420 CROSSBOW PACKAGE INCLUDES 3 ARROWS,
SIDE MOUNT QUIVER AND 1.5-5X32 ILLUMINATED SCOPE

\$10.00 DONATION

Tickets are still on sale! Go to the club store and purchase your tickets now, while there are still some left

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Do you know your club Officers?

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November 8 is election day. We need to vote like we never voted before! Make sure you know where your candidates fall as far as 2A rights. We cannot afford to lose more of our freedoms!

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

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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)

January 2 Outdoor Ranges Re-Open as normal

January Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm

January 12 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm (DEC Environmental Summer Camp Approvals)

February 2023

February Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm

February 2 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm

February 9 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm

February 19 Presidents' Day Trap Shoot – Sunday - 12:00 noon (Tentative)