

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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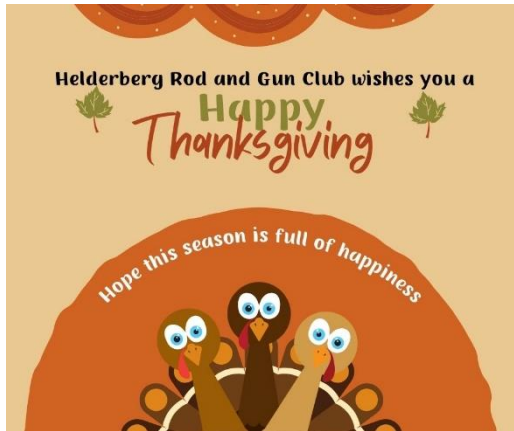
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# *The RUFFED GROUSE.*

November 2022



**November is upon us**, and the Holidays are fast approaching! Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and can enjoy friends and family! The November meeting was attended by almost **40 people**. We want to welcome new members: Phillip Eastman, Brant Insero, Richard Kalinow, Eric Platt, Patrick Ryan, Omar Vazquez, Alex Fedok, and Chad McFarland. Welcome to the club!

**Frank's Trap Report:** As of November 1st, the league took in \$1725.00 of which \$1552.50 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$172.50 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated "profit" of about \$725 to the club. Shooting for the season averaged 14 rounds per week.

With the coming of the fall our shooters seem to have cooled off a bit. There were no 25 rounds shot in October although a number of 24's were shot.

The Trap Group requested, and received, permission from the Executive Committee to extend the trap season into November. Shooting will continue until it snows, or the temperature drops significantly. A final season report should be available for the next meeting.

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.



### *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.*

**We had special Guest Speakers** join us this month. Carolyn and Chuck Reckner's children came and gave a report on their DEC Camp experience as well as shared some photos with us. The camp was made up of environmental education, hunter education programs, and outdoor recreation, resulting a fun adventure. From the sounds of it they learned a lot and had a lot of fun (and funny) memories!

HRGC sponsors youth (11-17) and we look forward to this program every year. You can learn more about the program by visiting <https://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>

You will also hear more about this in future meetings and newsletters or ask one of the officers.



**The forest management** program has stalled, and we are back to the drawing board! The contract with the past logger fell through and we are searching for another. We have some prospects and hope to move forward with this soon. Good news is that our status in the program is secure and will continue to receive the tax benefits as we continue the process. Just a heads-up there may be a couple **“pop-up” range closures** as we meet with foresters who need to see the property in detail. We will email membership as soon as we know, and signs will be posted when anyone is in the woods. We try very hard to eliminate inconvenience to club usage, but this program is very important to the value of the property and environment—as well as the financial side for the club long term.

**Watch the bulletin board** to the left of the sign in log. This will be used for projects that are currently happening as well as projects that we want to complete. Our project coordinator, Carolyn Reckner, will do her best to keep it updated with all the to-dos around the property. We hope that members will find things they are interested in helping with. The only way the club stays afloat and improves is through membership involvement.



**Current projects:** Indoor range completion, insulate the club ceiling (attic), well pump and hot water tank, garage door cover, and more.

**Some of our “wish list”** items include a bridge over the creek, shotgun patterning range, new shooting stations for the trap field, outdoor pistol range, a fire pit, and pond improvement.

Recent elections did not appear to have as a favorable impact as we would have liked on our rights as legal gun owners. We need to seriously unite across this state and the Country as a whole. HRGC has always suggested supporting candidates that agree with our Second Amendment rights. We would also like to suggest if you are not already members of NY and National pro-firearm affiliations it is in our collective interest to do so.



NRA- <https://home.nra.org/>

SCOPE- <https://www.scopeny2a.org/>

NYSRPA- <https://www.nysrpa.org/>

NYS CC- <https://nyscc.com/>

Consider membership or renewals to one or all these organizations—or at the very least be familiar with the issues that they advocate in their mission to preserve and protect our rights and promote lawful and safe firearm ownership, sports and self-protection. United we Stand!

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**November 2022**

**-- Please Note: Outdoor Firearm Ranges CLOSED on ODD days OPEN EVEN days Starting October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Ranges Re-Open**

- 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)

(SPRING IS COMING)