

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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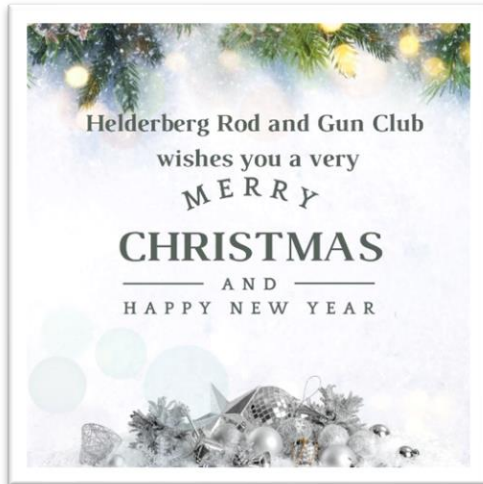
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# *The RUFFED GROUSE.*

December 2022



'Tis the season to be merry, but I am here to say that 2022 is **shot** and we are looking forward to what 2023 will bring HRGC! So much has happened at the club this year and so much more to come. We wish you and your families all the very best! We have welcomed many new members and this month is no different. Welcome Vincent Delguidice, Colin Sharp, David Denny, and Morgan Spurgas. We look forward to getting to know you and hope that you will feel at home at HRGC

**Frank's Trap Report:** As of November 30th, the league took in \$1757.00 of which \$1581.30 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$175.70 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated "profit" of about \$738 to the club. Shooting for the season averaged 14 rounds per week. The 1757.00 taken in by the league represented a 41% increase versus 2020 and a 47% increase over last year. This increase is mostly due to adopting a straight \$4 cost per round versus the sliding cost schedule used for the previous two years. Good weather also contributed with only one day (August 17th) lost due to rain. There was also one additional day (November 2nd) added to the schedule. Response to the newly installed Pat Trap has been extremely positive. It broke far fewer birds than the retired 1950's Winchester Western trap. By being set to throw the proper angle ATA targets it also resulted in significantly more perfect rounds than shot in previous years. This season we had:

- 50 Consecutive birds Steve Smith (1 round)
- 25 Consecutive birds Mike Galusha (6 rounds), Jerry Seyboth (5 rounds), Frank Fuss (2 rounds), and Steve Smith (1 round)

**Please plan to attend our annual New Year's Day shoot at 12 pm on Sunday, January 1, 2023, and our President's Day shoot at 12 pm on Sunday, February 19, 2023.**

#### *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.*

**NOTICE: The indoor Range is OPEN** to those that are certified. Use of the range currently is under the existing rules in that only rim fire and centerfire target rounds not exceeding 800 FPS. Shooting will **only** take place from the 50ft shooting stations behind the wall. .22 Caliber rifles or less are allowed. The EC is working on final details on the new rules as well as a couple other security issues before the range is open to any other caliber or style of shooting from other distances. We will formally announce NEW range rules very soon. We place the highest priority on the safety and security of the members and the club, and we appreciate your patience as we work through this process. **We will also be installing two new cameras in the indoor range area.**

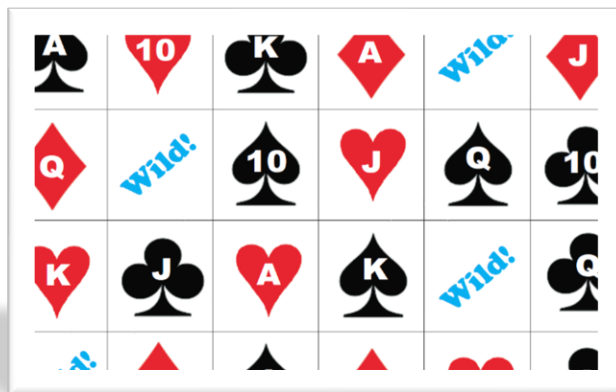
**PLEASE stop bringing cardboard** and other items that are being left on the property, mostly the outdoor range area. We know that intentions are good, but it creates more work as we must dispose of it. We have the cardboard we need for the target stands. If you bring targets to shoot, please take them with you and do not leave stuff behind for someone else to pick up. **Thanks so much!**



**We had another successful raffle!** CONGRATULATIONS GARY DEGONZA! We hope that you will enjoy your new crossbow package. We expect to have more raffles soon—they are fun and a great way to support all the projects at the club! Let us know if you have any ideas for future raffles.

**Pistol League.** The pistol league is back in business and meeting on Monday nights. The time has been moved back to 7pm seeing as it was hard for some to get there earlier. The first round is \$5 and \$2 for each round thereafter. Come check it out!

**As most of you know we have installed a new access control system** that will control all doors in the clubhouse. The main door, the indoor range, and the backdoor to the outside range. You will need to be issued a new card. Stay tuned for more dates at the club to get your card—they will also be available at the membership meetings.



**We are hoping to start having some super fun .22 shoots** at the club starting in the new year!! This will include “poker shoots”, “Dice game” and “darts” shoots. Are you interested? We sure could use some help organizing to make this a huge success and hopefully a regularly scheduled event at HRGC!!

**Let us know what you think!**

**Building and Grounds. Thanks to all the members that have helped over this past year to greatly improve the club! So many have volunteered and donated in so many ways. It is hard to even list all the people and all the projects! The club would cease to be what it is today if not for the work of its membership. Thank you!**



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**January 2023**

January 1 New Year's Day Trap Shoot (tentative)

**January 2 Ranges Re-Open**

January Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 7 pm

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

**February 2023**

February Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 7 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)

**March 2023**

March Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 7 pm

March 9 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm

TBA Cabin Fever Shoot

**April 2023**

April Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 7 pm

April Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm

April 6 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 13 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm

**May 2023**

May Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 7 pm

May Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm

TBA Pistol League Banquet

May 11 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm

May TBA Annual Club Banquet – 6:00 pm (at ?)