

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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The RUFFED GROUSE.

June 2023

HUNTERS ED COURSE JULY 29 8am-5pm- Registration is open on the NYS website. Ages 11 and up. Register here <https://register-ed.com/events/view/200455>

NOTE All courses require the completion of homework prior to attending the course. If you do not complete the homework you cannot complete the course. [Click here](#) to see the homework options. [Click here](#) to download the worksheet.

Course Topics Covered

- Firearm and crossbow handling and safety techniques
- History of firearms
- Knowledge of firearms and ammunition
- Proper gun handling and storage
- Marksmanship fundamentals
- Hunting laws and regulations
- Principles of wildlife management and wildlife identification
- Outdoor safety
- Hunter ethics
- Hunter responsibility toward wildlife, the environment, landowners, and the general public

Franks Trap Report: There is no financial report for June. Shooting for April averaged 20 rounds per week. This was bolstered by several BKW trap club members joining us for practice on Wednesdays.

There were two perfect rounds shot in May. One was shot by Grayson Weil (a non-member) on May 31st. It was Grayson's first ever 25. Frank Fuss shot the other 25 on May 24th.

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.

BKW Trap Team: May was a busy month as the BKW trap team shot the balance of their spring season on Tuesday nights. Several of the members took advantage of shooting at both HRGC on Tuesdays and at the Basic Valley Fish and Game Club on Thursday nights. It was rewarding to see shooters who struggled at the first two practices in April managing to bring down more than 50% of their targets by the end of May.

For the BKW team—the club has decided to promote them by supplying the birds for one more season. We will also look for ways to do fundraising for the support of youth getting into the sport!

Mower has been replaced. Long overdue but we now have a good mower that will help mow the lot much quicker. If you would like to take on mowing periodically let us know—we need some volunteers!



Member Jeremy Tryon is looking for members to help on the new committee to start a **.22 rifle league**. Please let us know if that would be something you would like to be part of—let's get this off the ground!

The 2023 Charlie Fairman Memorial Shoot was held at HRGC on June 21st, with 14 participants this year. There were no perfect scores of 25, but there were several rounds of 23 & 24. The total prize monies awarded was \$280. Donations back from the participants totaled \$100, with those proceeds going to **the BKW School Trap Team!** A big thank you goes out to those who donated their winnings.

The weather was perfect, and a good time was had by all. A tremendous thank you goes to Bianca Carter for her once again willingness to keep score for the event. Thanks also to our leader Frank Fuss who covered the cost of the 140 clay pigeons used. I'm sure that Neil, Lyle, and Ed were looking down on us and cheering us on.

Hope to see everyone again next year. (Gary Lanphear)

Please note the club is closed on July 15 for a private event—Thank you!

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Do you know your club Officers?

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July 2023

July Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 7 pm
July Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
July 13 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
July 15 **Private Function Ranges Closed**

August 2023

August Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 7 pm
August Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
August 3 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm (Proposed Annual Calendar)
August 10 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm (Election Committee, Picnic Committee)
August 31 Last Day to Meet 5 Hour Work Credit Requirements for Work Assessments

September 2023

September Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
September 7 Membership Meeting / Annual Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
(Election of Officers & Directors, Annual Committee Reports, Approve Annual Calendar, Budget Proposal, Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, 2023/24 Cards & Pins Available)
September 11 Indoor Pistol League 2022-23 Season Registration & Meeting – 7:00 pm
September Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm
September 23 Annual Club Picnic