

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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# *The RUFFED GROUSE.*

August 2023

HRGC's Fall Raffle is now in the **LAST CHANCE STAGE**. We are only selling tickets up until the drawing which will be **held at the October Meeting**. (or if they sell out)

The Raffle is to support the projects and improvements at the club!



The prize is a brand-new Henry Golden Boy .22 lever action! As you know Henrys are one of the finest made rifles in the USA with a lifetime warranty!

You can't go wrong with a Henry from generation to generation.

Tickets are only a 10-buck donation and can be bought online here--Good luck!

<https://www.helderberggdc.org/Sys/Store/Products/342111>

**Franks Trap Report:** As of September 1st, the league took in \$12064.00 of which \$1857.60 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$206.40 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated "profit" of about \$818 to the club. Shooting for the season is up to just over 20 rounds per week.

August was a great month for our shooters. There were 7 perfect rounds shot during the month. Mike Galusha was in fine form shooting 25's on August 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th. Also shooting 25's was Jerry Seyboth on the 2nd and Steve Smith and Jackson Ciavardoni (his first 25) on the 16th. Over 70% of the rounds shot in August were 20 or higher. WOW!

One of our regular shooters, Grayson Weil, brought his cousin, Steve Shenfield, to shoot with us on August 9th. Steve had never fired a shotgun but had experience with .22's in his youth. Grayson and I provided the usual safety talk and some very basic information on things like foot position and hold points. Steve then proceeded to break 24 of the 25 birds we threw for him! At first, I thought this was the result of a lot of luck. Steve followed up his 24 with two rounds of 21. He qualified as the best novice shooter I've ever seen.

### *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:** The BKW Trap Club has 15 shooters registered for the New York State Clay Target Fall Trap Season. They will begin with a practice session on Tuesday, September 19, followed by five weeks of League competition. Don't forget the donation box in the clubhouse to help support these youth shooters.

*A preliminary shotgun patterning range is now available along the wood line to the left of the trap field before August 20th. Temporary markers will be in place for 15, 25 (skeet patterning, 40 (trap patterning) and 50 yards (for turkey patterning). Please use this instead of the rifle range!*

**Carolyn Reckner will be leading the Albany County chapter of Armed Women of America with HRGC as their host!** Currently the Schenectady chapter is dissolving and will be transferring those 28 members to us. This is a great program that will have regular meetings held on the first Friday of the month from 6pm to 830. On top of that there will be other special events, training courses, etc. Anyone interested should contact Carolyn for more info! You can also visit their website here

<https://armedwomen.org/>



**Armed Women of America exists to enable women to be their own self-protectors, creating freedom, peace of mind and confidence in themselves.**

**The Picnic September was held on the 17th along with the Sportsman Auction to support youth DEC campers.** It was a great time! The food was simply AMAZING! A special thanks to Chuck and Carolyn Reckner who spent a lot of time preparing, cooking, and more. Also, thanks to Angie and Ray Haines for supplying and cooking those very special hotdogs. I think a few of us ate more than we needed to—I know I did! The Auction was a success and I know that a couple of us got some really good deals on some items—All in all we were able to add around \$1,000 dollars to support the Youth that HRGC sponsors for the DEC Camp

**ELECTION: At the September meeting we also held the election of Officers and 1 Director.** Gianluca is not seeking a second term and member Jeremy Tryon was elected to fill his place. Thank you, Jeremy, for stepping up as a club Director. Jeremy will hold his position for three years. Director Ray Haines has another year left in his term and Mike Pagano another two years. The officers all ran unopposed and were re-elected and they agreed to hold their office for another year.

**The Budget was presented by President Mike Hoffman** and will be voted to affirm at the October meeting.

**NEW RIFLE LEAGUE has started-** .22 caliber rifle league will meet on Thursdays through October this year. The league will meet at 530 for practice and league shooting starts at 6pm. Cost is 5. For members and 8 for non-members. I think this will be a great time at the club! For further info you can contact member Jeremy Tryon at 518.256.6006 or [ugadawgs90@gmail.com](mailto:ugadawgs90@gmail.com) **BTW this will also close the odd days for hunting on those Thursdays after 12 noon.**

**Are you interested in being an NRA instructor?**

NRA Basic Shooting Course – being offered at HRGC!

- October 15- Instructor Led Only Course 8:00am – 5:00 pm.
- October 21- NRA Basic Instructor Training 8:00am-5:00pm
- October 22- NRA Instructor Pistol Shooting Course 8:00am-5:00pm.

The cost for EACH course is 100.00 per session. All three courses must be completed to become an NRA Instructor.

To register go to the NRA website sign up for 10/15 class here:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=795446>

And the 10//21 and 10/22 class here:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=795447>

Deadline to register is 10/01/23.

Any questions please feel free to call Tony LaTorre at 518-441-2160 or email

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**Do you know your club Officers?**

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## Hunting season—Important updates!

Please pay attention to the emails and the calendar concerning closures. There will be exceptions to the odd/even rule.

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### October 2023

-- Please Note: Outdoor Firearm Ranges CLOSED on ODD days OPEN EVEN days Starting October 1<sup>st</sup> thru January 1, 2024 -- Outdoor Archery Range Remains Open

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| October 1   | Due Date for Membership Renewal Forms & Dues  |
| October 1   | Small Game Hunting Seasons Open – Rabbit, Grouse  |
| October 1   | Hunting Season Opens (BOW) – Deer & Bear (SZ)   |
| October     | Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm   |
| October     | Thursday Nights .22 Rifle league @ 6pm HUNTING CLOSED at NOON on Odd Thursdays  |
| October     | Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm HUNTING CLOSED at NOON on Odd Wednesdays   |
| October 5   | Executive Meeting – 6:00 pm   |
| October 12  | Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm<br>(Directors’ Audit Report, Budget Approval Vote,<br>Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, & 2023/24 Cards ONLINE & Pins Available) |
| October 7-9 | Youth Deer Hunt Weekend (ages 14-15) (12-13 where counties approved)  |

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| November    | Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm   |
| November 4  | Southern Zone Big Game Hunting Crossbow Seasons Open – Deer & Bear  |
| November 7  | Election Day (Remember Your Second Amendment Rights!)   |
| November 11 | Veterans Day – Honor Our Veterans   |
| November 9  | Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm  |
| November 18 | Southern Zone Big Game Hunting Firearms Seasons Open – Deer & Bear Outdoor Range Closed opening weekend 18 & 19 |