

Newsletter of the Helderberg Rod & Gun Club

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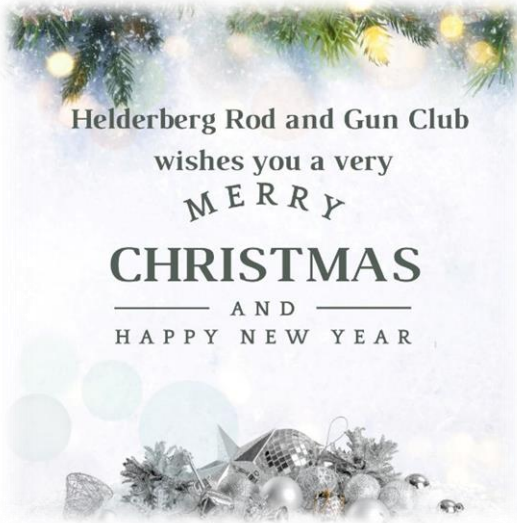
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# *The RUFFED GROUSE.*

December 2023

We wish all our members, families, and friends a wonderful  
Christmas and an amazing 2024!



**Don't forget to join us for our annual New Years Day Trap Shoot 12 NOON on Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> C'mon out for what is always a fun start to the new year!**

**Not too much business to report—just a few things:**

- 1) The executive committee met and discussed the idea that we would pursue the use of metal targets after they were banned some time ago. After strong consideration of past promises made to the neighbors and our surrounding community, Town, etc. It has been decided that it is not worth the potential for bad relations with any or all to whom those promises were made. As much as we would like to lift the ban, metal targets of any sort will continue to be prohibited.
- 2) A new flood light has been installed for the parking lot. It is a great improvement, but we will be adding more lighting upgrades for the safety of those that visit after dark. Hopefully very soon we will have one more and an added motion light.

**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.*

- 3) Armed Women of America starts meeting in January. Jan and Steve will be there for the first meeting to orientate members and supply indoor range qualifications. Frank volunteered to assist and be a support. The first meeting is January 5 at 6pm. Contact Carolyn Reckner for details.
- 4) We are looking forward to bringing back our Wild Game Dinner this Spring. We will work out the details and let you know.
- 5) A list of Spring/Summer projects is being compiled and will be published over the winter.

**BKW Trap Club:** The BKW Trap Club shot their Fall 2023 season over 6 weeks in September and October. There was a practice shoot on September 19th followed by a 5-week season from September 26th through October 24th. All the shooting took place at the Helderberg Rod and Gun Club facilities. Statistics are approximated from a 3 week count as Frank Fuss was only available for 3 of the weeks. Special thanks to George Gebe and Mark Cardinal for running the Trap Field in Frank's absence.

There were 14 students registered for the Fall program. An average of 9-10 students shot 2 rounds each week. An estimated 112 rounds were shot with a cost in clay targets of about \$175 to the club. The Club currently has \$980 in the Youth Trap Fund available to assist student shooters.

Mr. Dergosits, the BKW Club coach, estimates registering 20 or so students for the 2024 Spring program.

**Frank's Final 2023 Trap Report:** The 2023 Trap League officially ended on November 28th. By mutual consent of the shooters, it was agreed to shoot into November (like last year). The league took in \$3029.00 of which \$2726.10 was deposited in the Trap Fund and \$302.90 was deposited into the Trap Equipment Fund. This resulted in an estimated "profit" of about \$1150 to the club. Shooting for the season averaged just over 20 rounds per week. Compared to 2022 revenue was up 72% and profits were up 56%. 2023 was the best season in the past 5 years.

We had one shooter shoot a 50 straight and 8 shooters shoot 1 or more 25's during the season.

- Mike Galusha            1 x 50 straight and another 7 x 25
- Grayson Weil            6 x 25
- Jackson Ciavardoni    2 x 25
- Frank Fuss                2 x 25
- Gary Lanphier            1 x 25
- Steve Baker               1 x 25
- Steve Smith              1 x 25
- Jerry Seyboth            1 x 25

**The League is looking forward to the annual New Year's Day trap shoot at 12 noon on January 1st.**

Tired of sitting around on cold winter nights? How about bringing your .22 rifle and shooting with us on a heated, indoor range at the Helderberg Rod and Gun Club? The Club is looking into conducting a Sporter Rifle League. It will be patterned after the N.Y.S. Sporterifle, Inc. league but will only shoot for 10 weeks and scores will not be sent in to N.Y.S. Sporterifle, Inc. If interest is sufficient the Club will consider joining N.Y.S. Sporterifle, Inc. in future years.

Sporter Rifle uses a .22 caliber rifle (short, long or long rifle) and will shoot 3 courses of 10 scoring rounds in each match. Rifles can be either scoped or iron sighted, however scoped rifles are limited to 7 1/2 lbs. total weight. The league is open to all shooters 12 years old, or older. The Club will not have separate divisions for youth, female or adult shooter at this time.

Each course of fire will last 10 minutes and have 10 scoring shots, an unlimited number of sighting shots may be taken, but all shots must be fired in a maximum of 10 minutes. Rifles must only be loaded single shot. Shooting will be done indoors, at a 50 ft. distance. All shooting will be done from a standing, and unsupported, position.

Targets will be standard NRA A-32 targets which contain 6 bullseyes. One bullseye is used for warmup and sighter shots. Scoring shots will be fired with 2 shots at each of the other 5 bullseyes. The maximum score will be 100 for each target and 300 for the match.

All shooters **MUST** be qualified to shoot a .22 rifle on the HRGC indoor range before participating in the league. Individuals will be qualified, if necessary, at the information and organizational meeting noted below.

The Club is currently working on when we will shoot. There will be an information and organization meeting during the last half of January. If you would like further information, or a copy of the N.Y.S. Sporterifle Rules, please send an e-mail to Frank Fuss ([ffuss@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ffuss@nycap.rr.com)) or call Frank at 843 697-5962. Frank will be organizing the initial league. Look forward to seeing you.

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### **January 2024**

January 1 New Year's Day Trap Shoot @12 NOON

### **January 2 Ranges Re-Open**

January Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 7 pm

January 5 Armed woman of America 6pm-830pm

January 11 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm (DEC Environmental Summer Camp Approvals)

### **February 2024**

February Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:30 pm

February 1 Executive Meeting – 6:00 pm

February 2 Armed woman of America 6pm-830pm

February 8 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm

February 18 Presidents' Day Trap Shoot – Sunday - 12:00 noon (Tentative)

### **March 2024**

March Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 7 pm

March 1 Armed woman of America 6pm-830pm

March 14 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm

TBA Cabin Fever Shoot

### **April 2024**

April Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 7 pm

April **Tuesday Nights-BKW Youth Trap League @6PM**

April Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm

April 4 Executive Meeting – 6:00 pm

April 5 Armed woman of America 6pm-830pm

April 11 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm