

Next Monthly Meeting
September 7th 2020

Monthly General membership
meetings are held on the
1st Monday of the month
Start Time Is 7:30pm

PLEASE CALL

If you live a great distance from
the club, call prior to leaving home,
to verify the ranges are open.
(215) 624 9454 8am to 4pm

Club Shooting Hours

6am To 11pm

Weekly Activities

Saturday And Sunday

Skeet And Trap

Winter Hours

9:00am To 2:00pm

Monday (Daytime)

Open Skeet And Trap

9am To 1pm

Monday Night Sr Rifle

(Indoors)

7pm To 10pm

Tuesday Night Open Trap

6pm To 10pm

Jr Rifle (Indoors) From

7pm To 8:30pm

Wednesday Night

Open Skeet 6pm To 10pm

Friday Night

Jr Skeet & Trap

DUES ARE \$100:00

DUES not paid by JANUARY
31st 2020 are Delinquent. Your
Holmesburg News will not be
mailed until your dues are
current.

After April 30th there will be a
\$10.00 late charge added to
your dues each month.

Do NOT send CASH!

Send a check, payable to the club.
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Club Outing



*Don't forget our annual club outing will be held
on September 13th 2020. Outing Events .*



22 Pistol Luck Shoot, Flea Market, .22 Rifle Shoot, Archery Contest, Shoot Full Auto! PA Fish And Game Commission? Black Powder Shoot, Discount NRA Membership. We have fun for all ages. Sign up as a new member on 9/13/2020 you pay \$100.00 for your 2021 dues and you will get the remainder of the 2020 year. There is no initiation fee. NRA membership is required to be a club member. NRA membership (available at the club). Come see what this club is all about. Please pass this on to any of your friends or neighbor that might want to join.

The President's Column

Defending the NRA

By President: Kevin Kubacki.

Why does HF&G require that its members also belong to the NRA? Is this wise in today's political climate? Why not require instead that we belong to the FOAC, GOA, NAGR, NSSF or the SAF?

First, you don't defend the NRA by demeaning in any way these other fine, pro-gun organizations. That's a leftist, divide and conquer tactic, and you should not fall into that trap. There's no reason you can't contribute to the NRA and any or all of the other pro-gun organizations mentioned above.

Second, stop to consider why the left continually targets the NRA. It's not because the NRA is corrupt and ineffective as the left would have you believe – just the opposite, actually. It's because the NRA has been so successful in defending your 2nd Amendment rights that the left aims to bankrupt and sue it into oblivion. New York State just announced (8/6) it will again sue to see the NRA dissolved, and yes, the NRA is counter-suing. In support of the NRA President Trump said the NRA should follow his lead

and leave New York, suggesting Texas as a new corporate home.

Third, consider what you and HF&G get out of its NRA affiliation. The NRA is the oldest (1871) civil rights organization in the nation. HF&G would not be here today were it not for the help the NRA afforded us in dark days of the assault on gun rights in the 1980's. The Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), NRA Law Enforcement training and certification, Friends of the NRA (which generously sponsors our Juniors program), NRA Instructors and Training (Refuse to be a Victim), Sponsored Gun Shows, shoots and competitions, State Associations, NRA Museums, the Whittington Shooting Center, NRA School Shield and Eddie Eagle programs, and NRA Education and Training, scholarships, and gun insurance are just some of the ways the NRA benefits HF&G and its members. All the other pro-gun groups combined do not provide all the benefits that the NRA does. Stop to consider that if your goal is to dismantle the pro-gun movement while at the same time drawing attention away from how you mis-handled crime, violence, Covid-19 and whatever else you fouled up, who do you after? When you weaponize government to suit your socialist

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Monthly General membership meetings are held the First Monday of the Month 7:30pm Start Time

Regular Hours of Operation:

Holmesburg Fish and Game Ranges open at 6 AM and close at 11 PM Restricted range hours may be reinstated should PWD work behind our bullet impact berms resume.

Watch this space for more information.

NRA

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agenda, who do you target? You'd go after the one organization that has systematically bolstered every tenet of responsible and constitutionally guaranteed gun ownership. And if instead your goal is to protect and sustain those pro-gun rights, who do you fund? The answer is the same – the NRA.

On a related front, please urge your state senator to pass PA HB 1747 without amendments, removing the Governor's ability to regulate firearms during a state of emergency and to expand your right to carry openly.

In other news, COVID-19 information: Philadelphia is in a modified, restricted green phase of reopening. That means HF&GPA meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom and if you want to participate send your name, address, phone number and email address to webmaster@holmesburgfishandgame.com and I'll make sure you're included. It also means that our indoor spaces remain closed. Watch the web site (www.holmesburgfishandgame.com) for current information and instructions. Junior Rifle is shooting on the Rifle Range (Tuesdays 6 to 9 PM) while the Indoor Range is closed. Shotgun remains shut down while PWD Engineers work on sustainable solutions for the shot curtain. No ETA on that.

The Friends of the NRA Dinner and Auction that's been postponed time and time again, has not been rescheduled and may not come off at all this year. I told Mike to keep what I paid for tickets as a donation. This stinks what they've done to the FNRA and Cannstatter's.

What about our Outing/Open House on Sunday, 13 September? It goes on – at least the membership drive part of it does. While outdoor group recreational and sports activities for youth and adults are permitted, small outdoor events are limited to 50 people. We'll discuss what the rest of the event will look like given the constraints at our Directors and Executives meeting on 8/17. I'll then update the Web Site and send email blasts. Again, please send your name, address, phone number and email address to webmaster@holmesburgfishandgame.com to make sure you're included. This really stinks as it's not the way we wanted to celebrate our 90th year. We will not be sending out chance books this year, but we will have 90th Anniversary T-Shirts for sale. Another positive is that use our pistol range resumes Saturdays and Sundays after Labor Day, 9/7. Saturday 9/12 will be the first Saturday since Memorial Day that we'll be able to use the pistol range.

Once again, it's my fault your newsletter is a week late going out. We were hoping for an all Green phase and at least partial reopening of our indoor spaces, and instead we got a modified, restricted green phase which for us, is little different than the Yellow phase. I end the same way we finished last month. What we have is worth preserving! Don't be too distracted by all the disappointments. We need to keep the pressure on our elected officials in favor of our second amendment rights. If we don't keep up the good fight, we lose all that we've gained and then some.



Obituary

It is with regret and sorrow we announce that long time member and all around good guy, Rich McLaughlin passed away June 13 at St. Mary Medical Center. Public Memorial services remain postponed by Covid-19. Our condolences go out to Rich's sons and their families.



Photo sent in by Geno Rapone
L-R Ed DiMaio, Geno Rapone, Bob Stott & Kevin Kubacki.

Carbine Match Scores For August 2nd 2020

The results were:

A-1	G Rapone	-----	375	08x
A-2	Ed DiMaio	----	346	00x
A-3	K Kubacki	----	377	01x
A-4	Bob Stott	----	334	00x

The threat of Thunderstorms didn't stop our 3rd annual Carbine shoot from happening on Sunday 8/2. Four shooters were on the line with M1 carbines this year. Although we had quite a few mechanical issues with these old warhorses, everyone successfully got all rounds downrange. We hope to have more participants next year so please keep an eye on the calendar for August 2021. The match was fired at 75 yards

By Geno Rapone

A Special Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Todd Ellis, HFG Member and NRA Training Counselor on winning a 2 year term to the NRA Board of Director's. Thanks to all members who voted for Todd.

By Gene Sullivan

Massive black bear hit in Potter County March of 2020

Black bears can be a common scene in the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, but yesterday was a rare glimpse of just how large the animals can grow. Unfortunately, a massive black bear was hit by a truck on Route 49 in Potter County. The accident occurred around 6:30 am in Harrison Town-

ship, and the driver was not injured. The bear was picked-up by the Pennsylvania State Game Commission. Game Warden Thomas Nelson was on the scene and was able to take the bear back to a game barn to be weighed and processed. When measured the bear came out to a staggering 633 lbs., well above the state average. Nelson agreed, "even for up in Potter or Tioga (county), a bear that big, it's pretty rare." To put those 633 pounds into perspective, the Pennsylvania Game Commission says in their educational wildlife notes that black bear's "weights range from 140 to 400 pounds". Although a tooth has been pulled, they have not been able to verify the age of the bear just yet. "We pulled a tooth but that process can take days before we will know how old it is" says Nelson. As for the remains, "the bear was permitted out to an individual for consumption". *I got this from Northcentralpa.com web page.*



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Mini Palma Match Match For 7/26/ 2020

A full line of shooters for this rimfire match using special Palma targets. Once again because of the condition of the target line we were forced to shoot 75 yards instead of 100. We had shooters firing from the regulation prone position and four shooters using supported positions (bench or bipod). Chuckie once again proved his skill with his Anshultz rifle winning the prone category. Tom Scollon was supported on the bench and was 3 x away from a perfect score.

The results Are

C Padulese	Ansc	---	500	23*
M Hladchuck	Ansc	--	489	25*
John Sabo	AR 22	---	457	10
W Rodrigues	CZ MTR		440	08*
G Staffien	CZ	457 -	375	03
Bob Guinup	Ansc	---	371	02
SUPPORTED Results				
T Scollon	1913	----	500	47*
Ron Stone	MDL 52	--	485	26
K Kubacki	Ruger P	-	483	16
L Hayward	Thomp Ctr		458	08

* won cash awards

We will be scheduling more of these matches on open Sundays in the club schedule. Keep your eye on the website and newsletter.

By Ron Stone

PA Ridgerunners

With the Covid-19 Virus on the rise again, I am hoping that by September 27th it will be on the downslide, so I am still going ahead with our September 27th meat shoot. I will recommend that masks be optional, we will encourage everyone try to keep social Distancing. The Club does have spray bottles to disinfect the tables and I will try to have a couple bottles of Hand Sanitizer available for use. Safety is the number one concern at this time. Hopefully everybody will follow the rules. This shoot will give the early

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August

Sunday August 2nd 2020

M1/7.62mm Carbine Shoot 9:00am Start

Sunday August 9th 2020

Center-Fire Rifle League 9am Start

Monday August 10th 2020

Firearm Fundamentals Class 6pm Must Register

August 11th 12th & 13th 2020

PHDPD Training On The Rifle Range
From 8am To 2pm

Saturday August 15th 2020

.22 Rifle Plinking 9am Start

Sunday August 16th 2020

Bullseye Pistol 90 rnds 38 only CF
Revolver No Optics 10am Start

August 18th 19th & 20th 2020

PHDPD Training On The Rifle Range
From 8am To 2pm

Monday August 24th 2020

Firearm Fundamentals Class 6pm Must Register

August 25th 26th & 27th 2020

PHDPD Training On The Rifle Range
From 8am To 2pm

Please Note

***The
Friends Of The NRA 17th
Annual Banquet
Has Been Cancelled.
New Date Will Be Posted.***

September

September 1st 2nd & 3rd 2020

PHDPD Training On The Rifle Range
From 8am To 2pm

Sunday September 6th 2020

Center-Fire Rifle League 9am Start

September 8th 9th & 10th 2020

PHDPD Training On The Rifle Range
From 8am To 2pm

Saturday September 12th 2020

Hunter Trapper Education 8am To 3pm

Sunday September 13th 2020

Club Outing 8am To 3pm

Monday September 14th 2020

Firearm Fundamentals Class 6pm Must Register

September 15th 16th & 17th 2020

PHDPD Training On The Rifle Range
From 8am To 2pm

Saturday September 19th 2020

.22 Rifle Plinking 9am Start

Sunday September 20th 2020

Mini Palma (.22) 100 yds
Rifle Range 9am Start

Sunday September 20th 2020

BE Pistol 45 Only No Optics! 90 rnds
9am Start

Sunday September 27 2020

PA. Ridgerunners Meat Shoot
Start 9am To 2:30pm ?

Sunday September 27th 2020

Military Pistol #6 Semi Auto 10am Start

Monday September 28th 2020

Firearm Fundamentals Class 6pm Must Register

Rifle League Scores For July 12th 2020

. Good weather but the previous rains completely washed out the Target line so we had to shoot at 75 yards. There is a plan to correct this ongoing problem but I do not know when it will be implemented. We had seven riflemen. This was supposed to be a 6mm or higher match but a couple of shooters didn't know. The next match will be August 9th. Hope you can come.

The results werer

1st Ed Dimaio --- 03A3 380
2nd M Hladchuk --- M1A 379
3rd Geno Repone -- M1 365
4TH R Stone ----- 03A3 362
5TH J Sabo ----- M1 361

By Ron Stone

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black Powder shooters a chance to check out their guns and get a little practice in before the October Early Black Powder Season. Anyone that is interested in Black Powder and has a Black Powder gun, please feel free to come on down on September 27th , If you don't have a gun and you are interested in Black Powder shooting, stop down and talk to some of the shooters and they will be glad to let you shoot a round or two out of theirs. For more information, you can call me at 267-968-6564 or Jim Shomper at (215)338-5770. Keep your fingers crossed, so that we can get the last two shoots of the season in.

By Patrick B Clarke