

**Next Monthly Meeting
December 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.**

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Send a check, payable to the club.
Mail To:

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HF&G.PA Membership
Chairman**

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The President's Column

Spreading the Word Shooting is Fun!

By President: Kevin Kubacki.

The prognostication was on target. When all was said and done, we did realize better than 200 new members from our September Membership drive. We also continue to sign up new members, even this late in our membership year. The fact that we offer so much for comparatively little is as much the reason as is the political and social climate of the day. So now what? We're still living with Covid19 restrictions and limitations (and if current reports are to be believed, it will probably get worse before it gets better), Shotgun is still down, and now we have lots of new members to accommodate. Please realize that this is a good thing and not an inconvenience. More people doing what we do and thinking as we think is always a good thing.

I suggest we search our collective memories for how each of us was introduced to the shooting sports. Nine times out of ten, it was some responsible and patient person who taught us the right way. How did we learn? What worked and what didn't? We should bring in the new folks the same way, the right way. What's that look like? How do we set up the new shooter for success and not failure? How do we encourage them to continue with the shooting sports instead of dissuading them?

First and foremost, don't violate their trust. These new members and any guests we bring thought enough of us to ask if they could join us, or they accepted our invitation to see what shooting is all about. Don't betray that trust by embarrassing. It's not funny. I harken back to when I first joined and soon realized that I stunk out loud at shooting (not that I'm a virtuoso today). A long-time member took me aside and gave me some sage advice. He told me that guys who took the razzing were the accomplished

shooters and that it was all in good fun. The new shooters, the ones who were struggling were offered help and instruction and not belittled. I don't think that's changed around HF&G. If you're asked for help or see someone struggling, please provide it. You don't have to be a professional or a national champion to encourage new shooters, but the way you introduce the sport should hit the X-Ring. What makes for a successful shooting session for the novice?

How did you learn to ride a bicycle? Did they stick you atop a penny-farthing and give you a shove? No. You started with a tricycle and graduated to a two-wheeler with training wheels. Well it's the same with shooting. Set the hand cannons and shoulder bruisers aside when helping the newbie. The perfect training guns are .22's with a red-dot sight or scope, or a soft-recoiling, semi-auto shotgun. Teach safe gun handling and accuracy instead of instilling fear of recoil and an aversion to the sound of magnum gunfire. Very few new shooters will appreciate the shock and awe approach, so don't betray their trust in you by sending them home from the club with bruised shoulders and egos. Remember, we want to see them come back and the only way they do that is if they enjoy themselves and see themselves improving.

Every new shooter's first visits to the club should begin with the four basic safety rules, and discussing and practicing proper grip, stance, sight-alignment, breathing and trigger control. Just maybe, every shooter's every visit to the club should start that same way!

Sorry to say there's nothing new on lifting the Covid19 restrictions, or when the shot curtain repairs might begin – still status quo on both those counts. Any members wishing to receive Zoom meeting invitations, club email blasts, or the club newsletter by email, please email your name, street address, phone number and email address to webmaster@holmesburgfishandgame.com and we'll be glad to accommodate you. Stay Healthy and Shoot Straight!

**Rim-Fire Cowboy Match
Match Results for 10/04/2020**

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Xs</u>
Brian Applegate	- 576	16 Open
Ron Stone	----- 571	16 A-1
Eric Fritz	----- 566	12
Tom Scollon	----- 563	08
Kevin Kubacki	--- 561	14
Bob Stott	----- 559	08
Frank DelaCruz	-- 558	11
J Towarnicki	---- 529	11
Jim Porretta	---- 526	06
Jared Gaertner	-- 521	08 B-1
Tony Oz	----- 511	02
Ed DiMaio	----- 504	06
Jim Secrease	---- 470	05
Gary Staffieri	-- 464	03
Steve Lange	----- 458	02
Bob Kopycicnski	- 437	03
Marie Zinni	----- 314	02

We held our 3rd Cowboy Shoot of the year, and the first one since July 3rd on 4 October. We ran we 17 shooters across 3 relays and it went well. Our next shoot will be on 11/1 and it's a Center-Fire shoot. Watch our web site and newsletter for other shoot announcements.

Congratulations to Brian Applegate for being the top-scoring cowpoke. Ron Steinbrecher too far off that mark. Nice shooting everyone! You can see above who placed where and who won themselves a cash award. Thanks to all who helped set up the range, and clean up afterward. We all had a good time.

Why not join in the fun for our remaining shoots and help us fill those Cowboy Shoot relays? Bring your old six-gun and Lever or Pump-action rifle (rifles must be chambered for a pistol cartridge), and join in the fun. If you don't have the guns for these shoots, we do our best to loan you what you'll need, but it would be great if you bring your own ammo - 60 rounds of either .38 Special or .45 Colt (Cowboy or Target Loads, Please) for the Centerfire shoots and .22 Long Rifle for the Rimfire shoots will do the trick.

Yippee Ki-Yay My Friends - shooting the guns that won the west. See you home on the range?

By Kevin Kubacki

**Rifle League
Scores For October 11th 2020**

We had a full line of 10 shooters with good weather for this match. The format was any rifle 6mm cal or higher. Three shooters shot .223 and their scores were not counted for record.

The results were:

Open	M Hladchuk	- 376	MIA
A-1	Joe Cannon	- 374	40X
A-2	R Stone	---- 353	03A3
A-3	J Sabo	----- 342	M1
B-1	Tony Pini	-- 285	M1
B-2	J Secrease	- 281	03A3
B-3	C O'Connor	- 175	M1

** J Johnson -- 385 AR

** Padulese --- 374 MR

** G Rapone --- 354 AR

Not For Record **

The next match will be November 8th. Dust off your rifle and come join us.

By Ron Stone

**X Ring Match Scores
For October 11th 2020**

On Sunday, October 11th 2020 we held an outdoor bulls eye match for the first time in a long time There were 5 competitors on the line for this 50 rim fire and 50 center fire event.

The match results are below.

Overall Winner

S DarcAngelo ----- 975 33x

A Class

1 Ron Steinbrecher -- 969 39x

2 Mark Hladchuk ----- 939 29x

3 J Tereskun ----- 906 17x

4 Lorenzo ----- 880 07x

Check the web page for the future matches and I will see you on the firring line.

By Mark Hladchuk

**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.

**Rim-Fire Cowboy Match
Match Results for 11/01/2020**

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Xs</u>
Brian Applegate	- 571	11 Open
Kevin Kubacki	--- 571	11 A-1
Frank DelaCruz	-- 564	12
Eric Fritz	----- 555	13
Tom Scollon	----- 540	08
Tony Oz	----- 493	08 B-1
Jim Porretta	---- 459	09
J Towarnicki	---- 453	04
S Levitsky	----- 316	00

We held our 4th (and final?) Cowboy Shoot of the year and 9 shooters fired across 2 relays. Despite the inclement weather, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. Watch our web site and newsletter for other shoot announcements.

Congratulations to Brian Applegate for Having a better rapid-fire rifle target (an incredible 100 with 4 Xs!) than me, because we tied with match score and aggregate Xs. Nice shooting, Brian! In fact, nice shooting everyone! You can see above who placed where and who won themselves a cash award. Thanks to all (Tom and Tony) who helped set up the range, and clean up afterward.

So, now we're looking forward to next year. Why not join in the fun and help us fill those Cowboy Shoot relays? Bring your old six-gun and Lever or Pump-action rifle (rifles must be chambered for a pistol cartridge), and join in the fun. If you don't have the guns for these shoots, we do our best to loan you what you'll need, but it would be great if you bring your own ammo - 60 rounds of either .38 Special or .45 Colt (Cowboy or Target Loads, Please) for the Centerfire shoots and .22 Long Rifle for the Rimfire shoots will do the trick.

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By Kevin Kubacki

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Military Pistol Match #3

On October 18th, we held our 3rd and 4th matches of 2020. Match #3 was a traditional match and it was Mark Hladchuk who was top gun with a winning score of 491-26X. Well done, Mark! Bob Stott personally selected our mystery stage for Match #4 and chose to challenge our competitors with a barricade style course of fire during our rapid fire stages. During the first string of 10 shots, the right half of the target was covered and for the second string, the left half of the target was covered; any shots hitting the covered portion of the target were scored as a miss. For match #4, it was Ron Steinbrecher who emerged as match winner with a 459-10X. Nice shooting, Ron!

Full match results for both matches are listed below.

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Xs</u>	
Mark Hladchuk	--- 491	26	Open
R Steinbrecher	-- 489	19	A-1
Frank DelaCruz	-- 478	08	
B Applegate	----- 475	06	
Jim Porretta	---- 474	08	
Bob Guinup	----- 464	05	
Tom Scollon	----- 463	21	B-1
Dallas Kane	----- 462	08	
Kevin Kubacki	--- 456	06	
S D'Arcangelo	---- 451	10	
Pete Cassalia	--- 446	04	
Geno Repone	----- 438	08	
Bill Crossland	-- 434	13	C-1
Joe Cannon	----- 420	06	
L Hayward	----- 420	06	
Bob Stott	----- 413	06	
John Johnson	---- 408	05	*
Ed DiMaio	----- 397	06	
Bill Berry	----- 356	04	**
Not For Score	*		

By Brian Applegate

Newsletter Electronically

Since we have been getting a lot of new members and I have been trying to get to the General membership meeting to let these members know that they can receive this newsletter by e-mail, but unfortunately, I cannot attend all of the General membership meetings. All the new members or current members you can receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you are interested, just send me an e-mail from the e-mail address that you want to receive it to. Send the e-mail to: paridgerunner1@gmail.com

By Patrick B Clarke

Military Pistol Match #5

On October 25th, we held our 5th and 6th Military Pistol matches of the 2020 season. Match #5 was a standard format match and it was Frank DelCruz who claimed victory with a winning score of 487-186X. Nice shooting, Frank! Frank also hand selected our mystery course of fire for match #6 which turned out to be another standard format match. When the smoke cleared it was Ron Steinbrecher who came away with the win with a score of 488-18X. Solid shooting, Ron! Results for both matches are listed below. Our next Military Pistol matches, #7 and #8, will held on November 15th at 0800. Military Pistol matches #9 and #10 will be held the following week on November 22nd. The Tactical Pistol match originally scheduled for November has been moved to December 6th. Hope to see everyone on the line for our next Military Pistol event on November 15th!

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Xs</u>	
Frank DelaCruz	-- 487	18	Open
R Steinbrecher	-- 484	16	A-1
B Applegate	----- 483	16	
Geno Repone	----- 481	12	
Mark Hladchuk	--- 481	11	
John Tereskun	--- 470	11	
Kevin Kubacki	--- 467	07	
Bob Stott	----- 462	09	
Tom Scollon	----- 461	19	B-1
L Hayward	----- 460	03	
Jim Porretta	---- 454	07	
Dallas Kane	----- 432	15	
John Johnson	---- 422	07	
Ed DiMaio	----- 421	07	
Gary Staffieri	-- 118	00	*
Not For Score	*		

By Brian Applegate

Speedy recovery

We would like to send out a speedy recovery to Samuel C. Henderson and Mark Hladchuk who is out of commission. The Two of yous are missed around the club.



Military Pistol Match #4

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Xs</u>	
R Steinbrecher	-- 459	10	Open
Mark Hladchuk	--- 453	10	A-1
Frank DelaCruz	-- 448	06	
Tom Scollon	----- 440	10	
S D'Arcangelo	---- 437	08	
Bob Guinup	----- 436	08	
Geno Repone	----- 427	08	
Dallas Kane	----- 418	09	B-1
L Hayward	----- 414	09	
Pete Cassalia	--- 410	08	
B Applegate	----- 409	09	
Jim Porretta	---- 392	06	
Bill Crossland	-- 389	04	
Joe Cannon	----- 387	06	C-1
John Tereskun	--- 385	09	
Ed DiMaio	----- 378	05	
Kevin Kubacki	--- 372	07	
John Johnson	---- 366	06	*
Bob Stott	----- 339	03	
Bill Berry	----- 303	02	**
Not For Score	*		

By Brian Applegate

Military Pistol Match #6

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Xs</u>	
R Steinbrecher	-- 488	18	Open
Mark Hladchuk	--- 485	20	A-1
Dallas Kane	----- 484	14	
Frank DelaCruz	-- 480	14	
L Hayward	----- 477	17	
John Tereskun	--- 477	13	
B Applegate	----- 476	15	
Geno Repone	----- 469	14	
Tom Scollon	----- 468	10	B-1
Jim Porretta	---- 458	07	
Bob Stott	----- 453	13	
Kevin Kubacki	--- 441	05	
John Johnson	---- 428	10	
Jason Haughey	--- 406	06	
Ed DiMaio	----- 361	03	
Gary Staffieri	-- 138	00	*
Not For Score	*		

By Brian Applegate

Two wee bits of Irish humor

Mary says to Paddy if you were stranded on a desert island who would you like most to be with you?" "My uncle Mick" replies Paddy. "What's so special about him?" asks Mary. "He's got a boat," says Paddy

Barman says to Paddy "Your glass is empty, fancy another one?" lookin' puzzled Paddy says "Why know would i be needed two empty feckin glasses?"

November

Sunday November 1st 2020

Cowboy CF Pistol/Rifle 9:30 Start
Pistol Range

Sunday November 8th 2020

Center-Fire Rifle League 9am Start

Sunday November 8th 2020

Tactical Pistol #1 & #2 8:00am Start

Monday November 9th 2020

Firerm Fundamentals Class 6pm Must
Register

Sunday November 15th 2020

Bullseye Pistol 10am Start
90 rnds Seasonal Target

Sunday November 22nd 2020

Indoor .22 Rifle Offhand Shoot 9am Start

Monday November 23rd 2020

Firerm Fundamentals Class 6pm Must
Register

Sunday November 29th 2020

Military Pistol #7 & #8 8:00am Start

Please Note

With hunting season right around the corner, I am asking any club member or family members that is lucky enough to bag a deer, bear or turkey to send me a photograph, so I can put it in our club paper. When taking the photograph make sure you are in a well light area this way I can get a good copy fir the paper. You can send then to paridgerunner1@gmail.com or see me at the club mail them to me.

By Patrick B Clarke

December

Sunday December 6th 2020

Military Pistol #9 & #10 8am Start

Sunday December 13th 2020

Center-Fire Rifle League 9am Start

Monday December 14th 2020

Firerm Fundamentals Class 6pm Must
Register

Sunday December 20th 2020

Bullseye Pistol 10am Start
90 rnds .22 And Luncheon At Noon

Monday December 28th 2020

Firerm Fundamentals Class 6pm Must
Register

Paridgerunner

Sunday October 25th was a little nippy but it turned out to be a great day for our last outing of the year. All the shooters that Participated had a lot of fun, and several were lucky enough to go home with neat prizes. We had a little cookout for our shooters and any other club member. Thanks to my son Patrick fir running the grill for us. Even though it was a short year due to COVID-19 I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who showed up and participated in our shoots and I would also like to thank Jim Shomper for helping out with all the shoots. I do have the schedule set up for next year, and I will be posting them in our club paper early next year. I hope everyone has a great holiday, until next year keep your powder dry.

By Patrick B Clarke

Plinking Shoot

The Samuel C. Henderson 22 Rimfire Rifle Plinking Event for the 2020 season has come to an end. Even though Covid 19 shortened the season a bit, we had great turnouts and everyone had a lot of fun. Covid restrictions loosened up allowing us to have our end of the year banquet (social distancing of course). Thanks to Bob and Casey as well as my wife Terry, the banquet worked out nicely. Tony O and I had big shoes to fill with Sam being out for the season. Everyone looks forward to his return. Thanks to everyone for their help, generosity and ingenuity (Gene's new addition) over the season. That's it for now. Looking forward to seeing everyone next April 17th

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Please Note

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

