



# NHRC Newsletter

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## THE COLOR PURPLE?

It's official - the 2021-2022 hunting season has begun in Pennsylvania! While you are out in the woods looking for a perfect hunting spot, be mindful of those purple painted trees and fences. The purple paint is the new 'no trespassing' sign. To hunters, those purple markings also mean no hunting is allowed on the property. More landowners are opting to use purple paint to mark their property rather than posting no trespassing signs. Painting trees and fence posts cuts down on property maintenance for landowners. The paint lasts longer than posted signs which can be stolen, become worn out or fall. Why purple? Well purple shows up well in the outdoors and can be 'seen' by individuals with colorblindness. As you hit the outdoors this fall, look for the new posted 'paint' / no trespassing signs. For more information on this follow the link to [Purple Paint Law](#).

*Happy Hunting!*

## CLUB MEMBER QUESTIONS

NHRC received a question about club processes: *While reading the June Newsletter I came across something I must have previously missed in the past. Under "General Information and Club Rules", it states a non-member must complete, and sign, a waiver...yearly? When I bring the same guest, do they need to complete a waiver every time?*

Thank you for asking! To clarify, signed waivers are good for one year. If you bring the same guest, only one waiver needs to be signed and kept on file. Just remember when your waiver was signed to be complaint.

If you have a question about the club, reach out to NHRC via email at [nhrc.clubnews@gmail.com](mailto:nhrc.clubnews@gmail.com) or come to a monthly meeting.

## NRA AND 2A NEWS

Pennsylvania's election day is Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don't miss your opportunity to exercise your voting rights. With the continued assault on the Second Amendment and the movement to defund police, your voice needs to be heard at the voting box. Before you head to the polls, know your candidates.

Gun owners should be informed of a candidate's stance and track record pertaining to gun laws and personal protection. The NRA and NRA-ILA have all the information you need to select a representative who will uphold Second Amendment rights. Log onto [NRA-PVF | EXPLORE NRA-PVF \(nrpvf.org\)](http://NRA-PVF | EXPLORE NRA-PVF (nrpvf.org)) for election information. You can also stay current on gun laws and other legislative actions by signing up for newsfeeds from the NRA at [NRA-ILA | Get Email Updates \(nraila.org\)](http://NRA-ILA | Get Email Updates (nraila.org))

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CLUB RULES

### CLUB MEETINGS

Regular club meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 PM in the range house on Pine Street in Nescopeck. **The November meeting is held on the second Friday of the month.** For more information, please contact Robert Hettinger, NHRC President at 570-759-1783

\*Please note there is no meeting held in December.

### SHOOTING RANGE

#### Indoor Hours

Mon.-Sat. 8 AM to **10 PM**  
Sunday **1 PM to 10 PM**

#### Outdoor and DPR Hours

Mon.-Sat. 8 AM to sundown  
Sunday **1 PM to sundown**

**Membership Cards.** All members are required to display their membership card and sign in while using the range facilities.

**Non-members.** Non-members may only use the club facilities under the following conditions:

- 1) they are with a current NHRC club member and
- 2) they have completed a Liability form. Liability forms are located in the club house and on the outdoor range. Place completed (signed and dated) forms back in the bin. A form must be completed yearly.

**Targets.** Only paper targets and various steel targets provided by NHRC are approved for use. All other non-approved targets are not permitted and in violation of club rules.

### CLUB EVENTS

**Trap Shoots.** Trap shoots are held on Tuesday evenings starting at 5:00 PM from April to October. The shoots are open to the public.

**NHRC Gun Show.** NHRC hosts an annual Firearms and Outdoor Sports Show every January. The 2022 Gun Show will be held on January 8 and 9 at the Nescopeck Township Volunteer Fire Company off Route 93. Show hours are Saturday from 9-4 PM and Sunday from 9-3 PM.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Annual NHRC Gun Show is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Club members are needed to help with the event. Members can assist with monitoring the show entrance (admission and gun safety checks), helping vendors, parking attendants, and manning the club stands (NHRC and NRA). Members can contact Larry Surkin via email [nhrc.clubnews@gmail.com](mailto:nhrc.clubnews@gmail.com)

## 2021 TRAP SEASON WRAP UP

NHRC has closed the book Tuesday night trap shoots and 2021 proved to be a great season. Overall, the weather was terrific with very few rainy nights. Only a few nights were cancelled due to passing rainstorms or weather conditions. Many regular shooters who participated throughout the season voiced the scarcity of shotgun shells. Because of the supply shortage, attendance was low. Other local trap ranges also reported poor shooter turnout associated with the limited supply of ammunition.



25 straight - Hammer, Mark and Nick

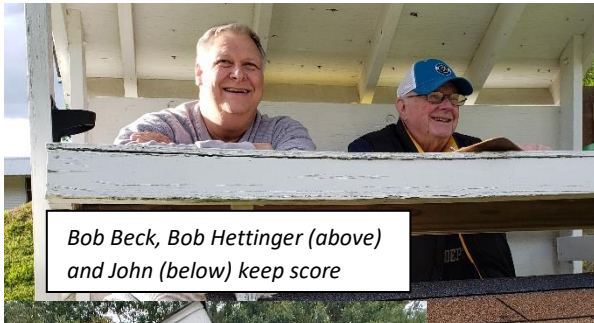


Regular shooters were Calvin 'Cal' Nagle, Greg 'Hammer' Biscontini, Bob McCarthy, Phil Brislin, Frank Puluck, Mark Gorski, Nick Buzanowicz, Nick Cassano, Al Pliska, Craig Shepperly, David Kovach, Jim Digiamdomenico. This trap season

NHRC handed out several 25 straight patches. In addition to Nick Buzanowicz, Mark Gorski and Greg Biscontini also scored 25 straight patches! Congratulations Nick, Mark and Hammer!



Cal Nagle breaking a bird



Bob Beck, Bob Hettinger (above) and John (below) keep score

Special thanks to the NHRC members and guests who helped set up, run the shoots, fill the trap machine and help close up – we appreciate your dedication and club support! Thank you to Brian Wark, Bob Hettinger, Nick Triano, Larry Surkin, Bob Beck and John Garside for another successful season.



Brian Wark fixing the trap



The location of the range is inviting so many wildlife 'spectators' visit the trap shoots. Numerous Tuesday nights deer meandered across the property down range. A doe and her two fawns were recurring guests. They frequently would stop to check on the activities. Squirrels and rabbits would bound across the range not afraid as the orange disks came flying out of the trap house. On a



balmy September evening a bald eagle flew low between the scoring bench and the firing line then slowly glided up into the tree line down range.

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## BERWICK RIFLE TEAM

The 2020 - 2021 Berwick Rifle Team completed its season shooting all the matches by postal rules. With the pandemic, all teams shot targets at their respective home ranges with an official observer from the school district. The scores were then mailed to the league scorer. Berwick finished the season with 7 wins and 2 losses, and in 3rd place in the league.

With only graduating one senior member, the team stands in good shape to be a contender in the 21- 22 season. Returning team letter earners and captains for this upcoming year are Kelsey Green, Dustin Rhodes and Trace Maneval. They are ready to lead the team to a great season. Additionally, long time youth program participant Wyatt Reader who is finally a freshman will be joining the team. Matches will be posted in the range house once the schedule is available.

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## PA BIATHLON ASSOCIATION JULY BIATHLON



The annual PA biathlon event was held at the range on Saturday, July 17th. Only one race was hosted at NHRC this year due to the pandemic. The race had a great turnout with participants coming from all regions of PA and out of state.



Returning and new shooters received a safety demonstration and practice time before the race began. The weather was perfect, sunny with a nice breeze for the runners. NHRC members Bob Beck and Kathy Coslett volunteered for the event, setting up the race course, reloading clips and helping where needed. Following the timed race, all participants had a lunch and awards ceremony.

The group honored the Gavels for 25 years of service. Frank and Barbara Gavel started the club in 1995 with their races being held at the Nescopeck range. NHRC is happy to be a part of an organization that promotes the shooting sports.

***Congratulations Frank and Barb on 25 years of Success!***





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## PROPERTY ACCESS / LIABILITY RELEASE



I understand that participation in any shooting event or activity might be hazardous to the participants.

By signing below, I assume any risk of harm or injury which might occur to me or to the participant due to their participation in the shooting event or activity. I release the Nescopeck Hunting and Rifle Club Instructors, Officers and members in charge from all liability, cost, and damages which might arise from participation in the shooting event or activity. If the participant is a minor, I agree that the minor has my consent to participate in all events and activities. I further provide my consent for the Nescopeck Hunting and Rifle Club or for the Instructor in charge to seek emergency treatment for the minor if necessary. I agree to accept all financial responsibility for the costs related to this emergency treatment.

**Attn: MEMBERS - YOU MUST ALSO SIGN THIS FORM**

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**NHRC Member - Print Name**

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**NHRC Member's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Visitor - 18 years and older**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Visitor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Visitor - Minor Participant (Under 18 years old)**

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Print Minor's Name

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Print Parent or Guardian's Name

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Parent or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NHRC Member: You can bring 2 non-members. You are responsible for and must stay with non-members at all times.**

***\*\*Failure to complete and sign Liability Form will result in suspension of membership.\*\****