



East Huntingdon Township Sportsmen's Association

P.O. Box 521, Scottdale, PA 15683-0521

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Regular meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

The Officers and Board of Directors meet the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

From the President's Desk

Hello to all EHSA members and welcome to 2023! We're looking to make 2023 even better than 2022, and with your help we can.

Last year we held our first annual "Sportsman's Olympics" and had a great turnout. This year we hope to double the amount of participants. The slingshot shoot was the largest to date and is already looking like it will be bigger and better this year. Don't forget all the other shoots and events EHSA hosts, like: archery, trap, indoor pistol, our multiple long and short ranges, PGC seminars, Hunter Education classes, and A.G. & A.G. just to name a few.

Our Facebook page and webpage are constantly being updated with new information so be sure to check them frequently. Also our committees are always looking for volunteers to help.

Lastly remember this is YOUR CLUB, treat it as such! Clean up after yourselves, help out when you can, do not lend your key to ANYONE and most of all be safe!

Thank You and enjoy your club!

Lance Burkholder
EHSA President

Club Fundraising Activities

We sell a \$5.00 ticket every month. The tickets are passed out at every monthly meeting for club members. If you can help sell tickets please call Jim @ 724-640-4205.

2023 Club Officers

Lance Burkholder President
Jason Grecco Vice-President
Nick Staffieri Secretary
Tim Arrotti Assistant Secretary
Jerome Costelnock Treasurer
Harry Dugger Assistant Treasurer
Ed Sebeck & Bernie Kiliany Field Captain
Directors George Piper, Carl Shaffer,
Jim Dillinger, Roger Elder.

Committees

Archery Lance Burkholder
Trap Carl Shaffer, Sean Shaffer
Pistol Roger Elder
Finance Jerome Costelnock
Strictly Sticks Bernie Kiliany

Dues for 2023 are as follows:

Members age 1-17 \$20.00 / year
Members age 18-60 \$50.00 / year
Members age 61-71 \$35.00 / year
Members age 72 & over Free
Couples \$25.00 each
(Husband & wife both holding shares)

We continue to update our records so that we can keep in touch with all our members. If you know of any members who have not received their newsletter contact us at the above address or at ehstim@zoominternet.net. Remember to send us your change of address, as the Post Office will not deliver to the old Rural Route or R.D. addresses.

Please send your dues, no later than March 31 to the address above or bring to the monthly membership meeting. Include your full name, current address, bond number (if you know it), phone number, and email address. Also, sometimes, the newsletter does not get published for one reason or another. Membership yearly dues are still payable starting at the first of each year whether there is a newsletter or not. They can be paid at the monthly membership meeting or mailed in. Coming to meetings is nicer. That way you can keep abreast of what is going on all of the time.

Pistol

EHSA has a lot to offer handgun enthusiasts. We have an indoor range with six 25-yard shooting lanes as well as several outdoor shooting bays that provide safe environments for year-round shooting. You are encouraged to take advantage of these facilities as an individual or a group. EHSA also has opportunities for organized shooting events. We offer sanctioned United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) matches once per month from March through October. The national organization "A Girl and a Gun" provides an excellent opportunity for women to learn about and enjoy various shooting activities. The .22 falling plate matches have become very popular with indoor and outdoor matches being offered depending on the weather conditions. There is an indoor bullseye league offered during the winter months. And the annual Sportsman's Olympics competition, held at EHSA for the first time last September, included a handgun stage along with archery, rifle, and shotgun stages. Dates and times for these events are typically posted on the ehsportsmans.com web page and the East Huntingdon Sportsmen's Facebook page so be sure to check there to see what's happening. Feel free to contact me if you need more information. Be safe, have fun, and take the time to introduce both shooting and our club to your family and friends.
Roger Elder (r_elder@verizon.net)
Pistol Committee

Club website

www.ehsportsmans.com

USPSA Website ehpsa.com/wordpress/

Facebook-East Huntingdon Sportsmens

ARCHERY

The 2023 indoor archery season is off and running! Monday night from 6-8pm are youth only, open to anyone under 16 with their own equipment. Wednesdays and Fridays from 6-8pm are open to anyone 16 and over to shoot.

Our "Dart" video system is also available to use any of these nights.

Our outdoor 3-D schedule will be: April 9, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, and September 17. Registration from 8am-1pm. We will be setting up the day before each shoot, volunteers are always welcome.

We have also added more NEW RINEHART targets to our expanding variety of targets.

Both indoor and outdoor shoots are open to the public and both traditional and compound shooters. Crossbows can be used at outdoor shoots only.

So pass the word about our shoots and come join us!

Thank You.

Lance Burkholder, Archery Director

TRAP

Spring and Summer is coming again. Trap shooting season will begin in March 2023. EHSA will start trap practice Monday March 13 at 6 PM; ALL SHOOTERS are welcome, members or non members...

EHSA will again be sponsoring a team in the TWI-NIGHT trap league. The league begins MARCH 23 at Youngwood club at 5 PM. All levels of shooters are welcome on our team.

If you have questions about trap shooting or the league call Carl Shaffer at 724-887-8651.

Range Safety

East Huntingdon offers a lot of shooting venues to the members and for the most part these are unsupervised. That is nice because you can focus on your task but it can also be bad if help is not readily available when needed. In many cases individuals use the facilities by themselves so it's worth taking a few minutes to think about personal safety. I'm usually alone when I practice with my handgun or rifle for "action shooting" competition, so I'm going to describe what I do from a safety standpoint. I don't want to imply that I'm an expert at this, so it's up to you take something away from it, or not. These are the safety related things that I carry or have in my range bag and why I have them.

- Shooting glasses and ear plugs. These are the basic recommended safety items for the shooting sports and I always use them. I'm frequently surprised when I see people at a shooting range that have eye and ear protection but only put them on when they feel they're at risk. I always feel that my sight and hearing are at risk when I'm at a shooting range, so I wear them all the time.
- Band-aids, bug spray, and sun block. These items aren't usually needed, but when you do it's nice to have them.
- An Olas Modular Bandage. This is a compression type bandage that is primarily intended to control traumatic bleeding. I've watched several videos on the many ways that this type of bandage can be used in a variety of situations and decided it's worth carrying in my range bag. I don't carry a tourniquet but it's not a bad idea if you've been trained on how to use it. I should also mention that I have attended (and highly recommend taking) a Stop-The-Bleed class as well as some first-aid classes.

- Nitrile gloves. These are in my range bag in the event there is blood exposed (mine or others).
- I have my cell phone in my pocket at all times. Should something bad happen, my plan is to immediately call 911, dress any wounds as best I can, and wait for help.
- I dress for the weather, bring water or Gatorade to stay hydrated.
- I always keep the safety of myself and others in mind as I practice.
- I may be kidding myself to think that I can survive a traumatic injury on my own, but I've tried to prepare and hopefully I never have to find out.

Although the above discussion is mostly related to shooting, it's also important to take into consideration your general health when you go to the range. There's an endless list of things that may be needed to help with a health emergency, so I'll just rattle off a few examples to get you thinking. If you're allergic to bee stings it might be a good idea to have an EpiPen with you. If you're prone to sudden attacks (heart issues, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.), don't forget to carry whatever it takes to get you through an event. Don't get dehydrated and don't overwork yourself.

Most importantly, if you have a health emergency, call 911 immediately, give them your location, and describe what's happening. Remember that the club address (286 Sportsman Road, Alverton, PA) is on your membership card (you're required to have that card with you when on club property).

Give this some thought when preparing for your next outing. Be safe and have fun.

Roger Elder

Finance

As we put the close to another year we find that our club held up financially in 2022, although just barely. We were able to keep our head above water and pay our bills and even make a few improvements to our facilities. Our hope is that we can continue doing so in the New Year.

But the fact is that inflation is hitting our finances the same as everyone else. Our costs just to run the club continue to increase. Because of that we found it necessary to increase our dues for 2023 and hope that with the extra income and some more participation in our events and fundraising we can continue to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all our members.

As we start the New Year we ask all of you to come out and enjoy your club! Get involved! Help us keep our facilities the Premier Sportsmen's Association this area has to offer!

Thank You
Jerome C. Costelnock
Treasurer

Indoor Pistol Range

The indoor .22 Pistol League is in full swing. It will finish up around the end of February. Thank You to all the shooters and to those who helped out.

When the League is finished the range will again be opened for regular shooting on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 pm. The range could be open longer if more help was available. I would like to thank everyone for helping out with all the shoots.

If there are any questions on range rules they are posted on the door as you enter the range. ALL SHOOTERS must sign a waiver.

The .22 plate shoot will begin in the spring with new Throom Targets. If you have any questions call Bob @ 724-366-5930.

Thank You
Harry Dugger

Rules and Regulations

1. Only active members with a current year card are allowed to use the facilities.
2. Cards must be in your possession while on club property along with proper identification.
3. Active members are allowed to bring family members and one guest to the range. You must be present with them at all times.
4. Giving your card or range key to another person to use is prohibited and will be subject to disciplinary action.
5. Members are responsible for following range rules for themselves and guests, including but not limited to, cleaning up after use and discarding all garbage, used targets, all shell casings, etc.
6. All targets are to be placed at the back of the bays or on the appropriate backstops in order to avoid ricochets
7. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Traditional Archery

Hi everyone, we're a handful of people that enjoy shooting Traditional Archery (Recurve, Longbow, Selfbow). We get together every Thursday evening from 6-9 pm. We call ourselves Strictley Sticks and shoot between 10-20 yards. We also have between 4 and 5 outdoor 3D shoots a year starting in December through April.

**YOU MUST SIGN WAIVER TO
RECEIVE NEW CARD**

MEMBER UPDATE

PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN WITH 2023 DUES

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Email ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

BOND NUMBER _____

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Rifle Range Keyincluded in fee

RANGE KEY will change

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL DUES TO:

**East Huntingdon Township Sportsmen's
Association**

**EAST HUNTINGDON SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.
P.O. BOX 521
Scottdale, PA 15683**

**GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND
ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I, print

name _____

do hereby acknowledge, release and forever discharge East Huntingdon Township Sportsmen's Association of any and all manner of action or actions, claims suits, damages, judgments and demands of any kind whatsoever, whether now or in the future, at law or in equity. That results or may result from Firearms, Bows, Crossbows, and any Weapon or subject control products used upon the premises or range of or from any training or instruction by the East Huntingdon Township Sportsmen's Association.

I further acknowledge that the use of Firearms, Bows, Crossbows, and any Weapon or subject control products is an inherently dangerous activity and assume the risks of using and employing firearms or other similar products on the premises and at the firearms ranges, and hold harmless the East Huntingdon Sportsmen's Assoc. its successors and assigns during any such activities.

I further acknowledge that the study and application of firearm and archery techniques and subject control procedures is physically demanding and requires that I be in good physical condition, and free of any disability or physical condition that would prohibit my participation. If at any time I feel or a representative of East Huntingdon Township Sportsmen's Association feels I need to refrain from any of the activities that I am participating in due to feeling any type discomfort, or acting in an unsafe manner I agree to stop said activities immediately.

I further acknowledge that I have read and understood the foregoing
**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION
OF RISKS.**

_____ day of _____, 20____

Signature

Parent or Guardian