



# NHRC Newsletter

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## \* NHRC Workday \*

NHRC will be holding another **workday on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**, as the outdoor projects were 'rained out' in May. Hoping for sunny weather to complete the outdoor project list: target replacement, recycling used ballistic tiles by adding them to the DPR, Trap shed roof replacement, new building downspout drainage and landscaping. The day will begin again at 8 AM until projects are finished. Come for the day or a few hours.

Please bring any tools, gloves, etc., necessary for these tasks. Work on the inside of the new building will continue as well. **See you at the workday at 8am on the 25<sup>th</sup>!**

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE NHRC MEMBERS WHO CAME OUT TO MAY'S WORKDAY IN THE DRENCHING RAIN!!



Even with a mostly washout at May's range workday, lots of work got completed. Inside the range house, the backstop tiles were replaced. The indoor range received a complete cleaning including the installation of new carpeting/mats on the firing line. Rich Serra took on the task of cleaning the desk!

Members who helped included Michael Kline, Chris Sauers, Rich Serra, Bob McCarthy, Dennis Fletcher, Bob McDermott, Jay Gross, Steve Moleski, Mike Rospendowski, Rich Yoder, Scott Coslett, Don Beck, Bob Beck, Jim Digiandomenico. A special thank you to Joe Senick and Mike McNevin for all the work on the new building. They have provided direction and countless hours installing the wiring, plumbing, gas lines, etc.

**Thank you!!**

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CLUB RULES

### CLUB MEETINGS

Regular club meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 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 2023 Gun Show will be held on January 14 and 15 at the Nescopeck Township Volunteer Fire Company off Route 93. Show hours are Saturday from 9-4 PM and Sunday from 9-3 PM.

### NHRC WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the NHRC website for news and activities. NHRC member Dave Saracino has updated the website to include a calendar with meeting times and events such as the workdays, the range rules, etc. You can find downloadable forms on the website such as the Biathlon entry form. Thank you Dave!

[Nescopeck Hunting & Rifle Club \(nescopecknhrc.com\)](http://Nescopeck Hunting & Rifle Club (nescopecknhrc.com))

## GUN LAWS ON THE HORIZON



The increase in violence involving guns have brought back the push for more gun control laws and gun confiscation. On June 2, 2022, Rep. Mondaire Jones (D-NY), a lawmaker on the House Judiciary Committee stated “that efforts to confiscate civilian-owned firearms will not be stopped. He then threatened “we will expand” the Supreme Court if it objects to new gun control measures.” Pennsylvania lawmakers are using these recent events to push for the same gun control here in PA. It is time to get involved!

The NRA-ILA has links to easily **contact your Senator and Representative ASAP to vote “no” on all gun control bills and motions.**

*Click on the top link below to contact your legislators and support the 2A.*

[NRA-ILA | Pennsylvania: Gun Control Being Pushed By Democrat Leaders in Harrisburg \(nra-ila.org\)](https://nra-ila.org/pennsylvania-gun-control-being-pushed-by-democrat-leaders-in-harrisburg)

[NRA-ILA | DOJ Releases Biden Gun Confiscation Order Legislation \(nra-ila.org\)](https://nra-ila.org/doj-releases-biden-gun-confiscation-order-legislation)

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## AMERICAN RIMFIRE ASSOCIATION SHOOTS

Nescopeck Hunting and Rifle Club has added .22 rimfire shoots at the range! It’s official, NHRC is now a sanctioned ARA club. Matches will be held on the outdoor range monthly. The first shoot is scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2022.

**What is the ARA?** The American Rimfire Association (ARA) is a sanctioning body for .22 long rifle (lr) bench rest competitions. There are two classes offered, Unlimited and Factory. Both the Unlimited and Factory class give shooters 20 minutes to shoot a 25 bull target for a maximum score of 2500. Below is an example of the ARA target.

**The History of the ARA:** ARA was started in April 1998 by a group of .22lr shooters who wanted a great organization for competitive .22lr benchrest competition. They formulated the ARA statistics on which the awards are based and they kept up with all match reports and shooter statistics. In addition, they started the ARA News and the ARA website in an effort to get the information out to all ARA participants.

In 2010, ARA was bought by Dan Killough, whose goal was to continue the vision of the ARA founders by providing an honest competitive organization that is true to .22lr shooting. One of the most exciting changes Dan introduced in the ARA is the implementation of electronic scoring, which makes scoring targets faster and unbiased. Electronic scoring is optional but encouraged for all ARA clubs. In 2017, the ARA organization was acquired by ELEY INC, who continue to promote and expand .22lr competitions. ARA has clubs across the United States offering ARA matches and tournaments to anyone interested in precision .22lr bench rest shooting.

### **What kind of equipment and rifle is needed to participate?**

Most likely you have a .22 rifle in your gun collection since it is low cost, has little recoil and the ammo is relatively inexpensive to shoot. A .22 firearm is great for young shooters to learn the fundamentals of firearms. If you don’t own a .22, you may know someone who would allow you to shoot their gun.

There are two match classes in the ARA rules; Factory and Unlimited. The classes are based on the price of the firearm.

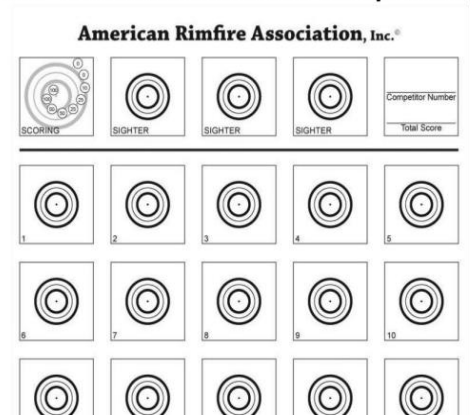
**Factory Class:** includes any magazine or tube fed rifle in production that is readily available and produced in quantities greater than 500 with Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of LESS than \$1000.00 or is included on the ARA approved factory rifle list. Any optic is allowable and may be attached to the rifle as originally designed by the manufacturer. Modifications to the .22 firearm are very limited in this classification.

**Unlimited Class:** Any firearm chambered for the .22 Long Rifle cartridge may be used in this class. There are no weight limits, no classes, and no dimensional restrictions to the barrels, stocks, or limits on scope magnification.



[www.americanrimfire.com](http://www.americanrimfire.com)

### ARA - .22 Rimfire Precision Competition



Along with the firearm, shooters will need two hundred rounds of ammo and pay a match fee of \$20.00. Anyone 7 years and older can participate in the match. This makes for a great fun family event!

**Want to check an ARA shoot out in person?** If you'd like to see a match before committing, the next Factory Class Match is scheduled to be held at 9 AM on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Tamaqua Rifle and Pistol Club in New Ringold, PA. NHRC member Joe Senick competed at Tamaqua's April match. He placed second in the adult class and came home with a nice medal (right).



**Interested in participating or volunteering at the shoots?** Please contact Match Directors Joe Senick, (([jsenick1@gmail.com](mailto:jsenick1@gmail.com), (570) 239-0072)) or Tim Honeywell, (([tim.honeywell@verizon.net](mailto:tim.honeywell@verizon.net), (570) 441-9511)) for more information. There will be an in-person demo / question and answer get together at the club prior to our first match, which is scheduled for 7/2/2022 at 9:00 am. See you on the Range!

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## PENNSYLVANIA BIATHLON ASSOCIATION

NHRC welcomes back the Pennsylvania Biathlon Association for 2022. Their annual biathlon will be held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The race is open to all skill levels. Don't be afraid to try this event if you are interested! Experienced racers love their sport and are always happy to share pointers and tips. Following the race, awards will be presented to the finishers. For more information on the biathlon check out [pabiathlon.com](http://pabiathlon.com). Race entry forms can also be found on the NHRC website - [Sponsored Events | Nescopeck Hunting & Rifle Club \(nescopecknhrc.com\)](http://nescopecknhrc.com).

**Volunteers are needed** for course set up on Friday evening (15<sup>th</sup>) and for the event on Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>) from 8-12 pm. Help is needed to load clips for the shooters and keep score. To help at the race, contact [nhrc.clubnews@gmail.com](mailto:nhrc.clubnews@gmail.com). Reminder to NHRC members, the **range will be closed during this event**.

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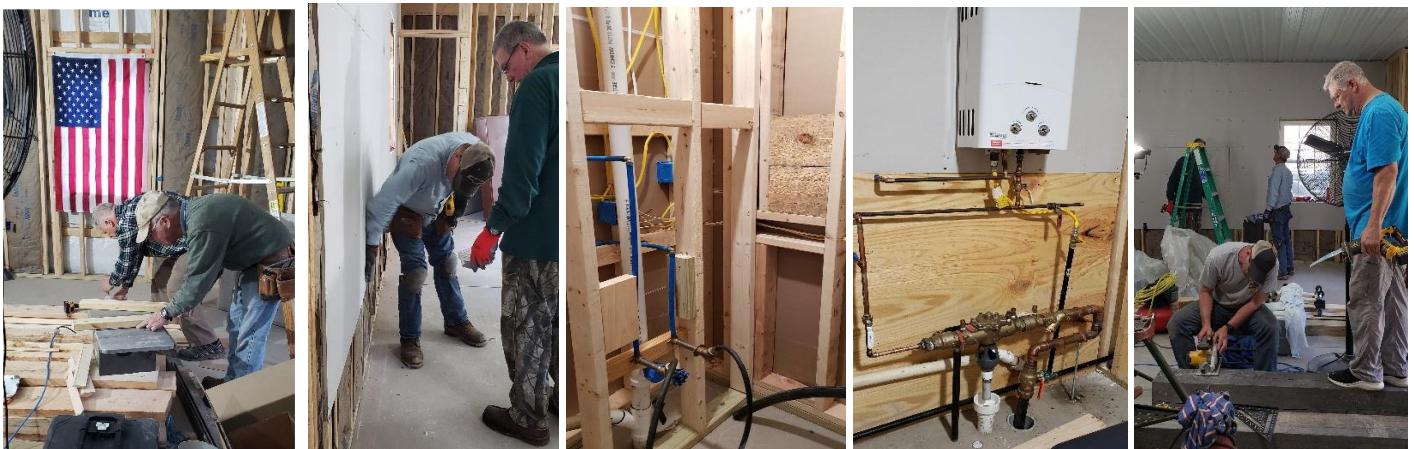
## LEARNING (AND FUN) AT THE RANGE!

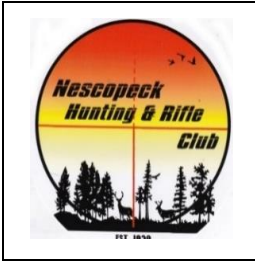


On a rainy Saturday, Dominick and Angelina Collotty spent the day at the outdoor range. Dominick taught his daughter Angelina on perfecting her shooting skills and learning proper gun handling. He had Angelina try her hand at shooting various handgun calibers – starting with a .22, 223, 38 and then up to a 9mm.

Dominick hung balloons as targets for Angelina. Hearing the laughter and screams everytime Angelina got her 'target' brought a smile to everyone on the range that day. Between the giggles and laughs, Dominick gave his girl lots of advice on protecting herself. Nothing like a day having fun with your dad!

***Happy Father's Day!!!***





**NESCOPECK HUNTING AND RIFLE CLUB**

**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**

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**Date**

**Visitor - 18 years and older**

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Print Name

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Visitor's Signature

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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

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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.\*\****