Hernando Sportsman's Club, Inc. P. O. Box 10754 Brooksville. FL 34603





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APRIL 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE STATE OF THE ONION

Onion, you may ask, the club has many layers. Last year was probably the worst year financially in 30 years. We faced many stupid things such as AT&T threatening to cut off our phones because they are going digital and did not want any landlines. Some self service works in our area but the credit card machines only work intermittently when using them without a landline. (wireless?).

Some gun ranges are regarded by the public to have lead pollution. Our club has regarded the lead on our ranges to be an asset. We have consistently recovered said lead and sold it for a significant amount of money. Much of the used scrap brass has also been collected and sold which nets the club a regular income.

Since the advent of the Covid virus, which did not strike the club members significantly, this event did across the United States causing a limited number of people that wanted to work. I do wish that we could get back to a full staff both range officers and clubhouse staff so that we may be open a full week.

The club has operated on the principle that everything we do generates a little bit of money and when all efforts are added up it is a significant amount which we can spend on maintenance, staff and new construction. Each layer of the onion contributes to the whole.

Next gun show is April 6 & 7. Hope to see you all again!

Hope to see you at the range. Come out and enjoy your club.

Randie Rickert, President

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ADVERTISING RATES

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Ad Size:	1/3	2/3
Regular Distribution	\$25.00	\$40.00
Gun Show Edition	\$32.00	\$50.00

Deadline For Ad or Information Is The 10th Each Month

CLUB HISTORY

The Hernando Sportsman's Club, Inc. was founded in January 1980 as the Hernando County Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc. It was formed to fill a need for an organized shooting fraternity in Hernando County and the surrounding areas. The main purpose of the Club is to support and encourage the legitimate and safe usage of firearms, educate the public in safe firearms handling and encourage good sportsmanship and patriotism.

The Club began with eleven people who met at the North Campus of PHCC in January 1980. Among the Club=s first accomplishments was obtaining a place to shoot. The Club used the McDonald Mine east of Brooksville as a range for several years. In 1983, the Club obtained permission to use another old mine off Weatherly Road just northeast of Brooksville which was about four times larger than the original mine. In 1988, with 140 members and many gun shows and fundraisers behind them, the Club finally purchased the current 80+ acre parcel of land off U.S. Hwy 19.

Actual access to the property at that time was through the north side of the 80 acres. Initial zoning and permitting was finally accomplished after approximately 3 years and construction began. Through this initial period, the Club did not actually have a range to use but through many fundraisers and events, the Club managed to grow and retain it's members.

Work began on the 200-meter range and the trap range. Legal access to the club was obtained through a lease with the State for the use of the current road into Chassahowitz-ka Wildlife Management area. In February 1992, the Club finally hosted it's first open house on the Trap Range which was somewhat completed. Construction continued on the 200-meter range and began on the 100-yard Open Range to provide a general-purpose range. Further construction brought the club a Skeet/Five Stand Range, an Archery Range and a 50 Yard Range. Construction continues today as funds permit which are primarily derived from the club gun & knife shows. Phase 1 of the clubhouse is complete and the club is moving toward Phase 2 which will house the kitchen, dining area, offices and a small store as well as a small conference room area.

The club offers shotgun, rifle, pistol and archery daily. Various events held at the range include Hi Power Rifle, Junior 22 Rifle, Big Bore Pistol Silhouette, Cowboy Action Matches & Cowboy Fast Draw, Bowling Pin Matches, Precision Pistol, IDPA, USPSA, Action Rifle Matches, 3 Gun Matches, 2 Gun Action Matches, Steel Matches, Machine Gun Shoots and Cannon Shoots. The Club also sponsors a 4-H Shooting Program, Hunters Education, Appleseed Rifle and NRA firearms classes.

Having begun with eleven members in 1980, the Club today has over 1100 family memberships. The Club is also an affiliate of the National Rifle Association, Unified Sportsman of Florida, National Skeet Shooting Assoc. Florida Sport Shooting Assoc., CMP, USPSA, IDPA, SASS. Membership is open and available for a one-time \$300.00 initiation fee plus \$100.00 annual dues. It is a family membership that includes spouse and any children living at home up to the age of 21 years. A monthly newsletter is published and mailed to all members. The Club welcomes visitors to the range and to the quarterly club meetings held the first Tuesday in January, April & October in the Clubhouse with July being the annual club dinner meeting for members only.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Hernando Sportsman's Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Bruce & Crystal Pruett Bruce & Amie Lonas Dan & Julie Edmunds Rvan Shea-Mosora

CCW CLASS...LEARN TO SHOOT

The NRA First Steps Pistol class will be held on Saturday, April 20, 9-2. Classes are held in the big clubhouse. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Call the clubhouse at 352-597-9931 to register and for further information or sign up online at https://firearmtraining.nra.org/student-courses/ and select the First Steps Pistol Course and then select "Find Near You". This opens the Course Listing page where you will select the First Steps Pistol Instructor Led and scroll to the bottom of the page to enter details that refine the search criteria to generate a list of available courses. After selecting the Brooksville course, you will enter your information in the registration fields. The course Instructor will contact you shortly thereafter. Completion of the class also provides required documentation to apply for a concealed carry permit.

HUNTERS ED

The 2024 class dates are listed below. To register, call Lakeland FWC at 863-648-3200. All classes begin at 8 a.m. in the big clubhouse.

April 14—HE Online July 27—Archery Online Sept 8—HE Online June 8 & 9—HE Traditional August 17 & 18—HE Trad October 12 & 13 HE Traditional

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following schedules are set aside for law enforcement training:

Largo PD

200 Meter

April 12 & 26

4-H 22 RIFLE & SHOTGUN

The 4-H meeting will be on Sunday, April 7 & 21 on the 50 yd range at 1:00 pm. For information about the 4-H program or registering for 4-H, contact leader Jim Prack at 727-900-6501.

RENEW YOUR NRA DUES THROUGH THE CLUB OR JOIN THE NRA THROUGH THE CLUB AND THE CLUB WILL RECEIVE \$6.00! JUST SEE ONE OF OUR CLUBHOUSE STAFF....AN EASY WAY TO EARN SOME MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB!

COWBOY ACTION MATCH NEXT MATCH—APRIL 7 **REGISTRATION 8 AM - MATCH STARTS 9 AM** S.A.S.S. AFFILIATED MATCH FEE \$10.00-MEMBERS \$15-NON-MEMBERS FOOD & WATER AVAILABLE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP WITH OUR MATCH SET UP PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY MATCH. CONTACT CHARLIE CHAPMAN (SHOULDA DUN GUN) AT 517-622-4372 IF YOU CAN LEND A HAND.



22 JUNIOR MARKSMAN APRIL 6

This program will consist of shooting the NRA American Rifleman Qualification course. Shooters will work toward rankings from marksman to expert. Any .22 rifle may be used with approximately 80 rounds of ammo. Eye and ear protection will be mandatory. A mat to shoot on is optional but recommended. Adult coaches (parent or quardian) are mandatory for each shooter. The program is open to ages 10- 18 years. Match runs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., fee is \$5.00 per shooter.

Our children are the future of shooting sports, so come and share your experience with them. A limited number of club rifles are available for use on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Jerry Miller after 5 p.m. at 352-400-4258 if you need to use a club rifle or have any questions. March 2 scores were:

	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	AWARD
Thomas Mullett	89 Prone	86 Prone	Bar 1
Sarah McLaughlin	288 Prone	259 Prone	
E. Quintana	293 Prone	302 Prone	

OPEN RANGE & TRAP THURSDAY NIGHTS 5-9 PM LADIES HALF PRICE

2024 TRIATHLON COMPETITION

TRAP SHOOT - December 29, 2023 Results

First Place was a tie between Andy Ingoglia and Ralph Swanson with a score of 36. A shoot-off was used to determine the official first Place.

First Place Winner - Andy Ingoglia - 36 Second Place - Richard Heavner - 32 Third Place - Harry Skullman - 31

SKEET SHOOT - January 19, 2024 Results 1st Place: Andy Ingoglia 48

2nd Place: Jim Heavner 42

3rd Place: Tie between John Kopacek 40

John Chase 40

5 STAND SHOOT - February 16, 2024 Results

First place was a tie between John Cgase and Dennis Michalek with a score of 42. A shoot-off was used to determine first place.

1st Place: John Chase 42 2nd Place: Andy Ingoglia 40 3rd Place: Mike Reed 36

TRIATHLON - March 15, 2024

Results of the final Triathlon Competition were:

Ist Place: Andy Ingoglia 69 2nd Place: John Chase 65 3rd Place: Frank Cuttone 63

A great time was had by all. Thank you to Jane and Tracey for providing a tasty Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner and also to John Bass for all his help with the competi-



22 RIFLE & PISTOL MATCH - SAT., APRIL 27

Hernando 22 Rifle & Pistol Match—4 stages will be shot with pistol first then long gun for a total of 30 runs. Rimfire Division—pick either iron sights or optics for your class. PCC will be allowed for this match in the Freestyle Division only. Ammo minimum 250+ is suggested. \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Match check in is open at 8:00 am and closes at 8:45 am sharp. Safety briefing at 9:00 am which is mandatory for match participation. Contact John Hill at 585-410-4183 with questions.

200 METER OPEN DAY **SUNAY, APRIL 14 CHANGE THIS MONTH ONLY!**

THE 200 METER RANGE WILL BE OPEN FOR GENERAL SHOOTING ON SATURDAY, JULY 15 FROM 9AM—3PM. COST FOR MEMBERS IS \$4 AND NON-MEMBERS IS \$18.00.



Bob Farr, Match Director 352-238-6952

Hernando Sportsman's Club is now an official affiliated Steel Challenge Club! Our club # is SCSA247. Our monthly matches consist of a minimum of 4 classifier stages. This allows a shooter to become classified by shooting just one of our regular monthly matches.

HERNANDO STEEL MATCH

Steel Challenge consists of 8 nationally recognized stages. Each stage has a 5target array of steel plates that are engaged by each shooter for five consecutive timed runs. The best 4 out of 5 Times runs of each stage are totaled for the shooter's score. The lowest overall time in each class wins.

Competition schedule: Match day registration begins at 8::15 am. Safety Briefing at 9:00. Shooters must attend the Safety Briefing to be eligible to shoot. Entry fee is \$11 for club members and \$16 for nonmembers for one gun Pre-signup is highly recommended and can be done only. www.matchsignup.org.

Classes include Centerfire handguns, Rimfire handguns & Rifles and PPC (pistol caliber carbines).

Shooting the match: Rimfire handguns & rifles and Pistol Caliber Carbines begin from the low ready position. Centerfire handguns will be drawn from an approved outside the belt holster. Bring at least 200 rounds of ammo for the match.

Club facilities feature food and refreshments, restrooms and a small pro shop with reloading supplies.





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MODIFIED F CLASS SUNDAY, APRIL 7

This match is shot from prone or bench using three MR31 targets at 200 yards. Up to 5 sighter shots and 20 shots for score in 25 minutes. Center fire rifle with bore no larger than .35 caliber is allowed. This is not an NRA sanctioned match. Match fees \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Contact Rich Budzynski at 716-713-2795 for more information.



FEBRUARY 25 MACHINE GUN SHOOT

We had an awesome day for our machine gun shoot. The weather couldn't have been better. We had great help from our volunteers and our employees. It's always a challenge making sure we are covered everywhere. Many thanks to the following members for there continued dedication to helping the club with our fundraising events.

Wayne Sessa	Mary-Lou Morin	Dave Gelbogis
Neil Wallask	Jim Echlin	Howard Liffick
Ray Hrach	Art Phillips	Harry Wood
Randie Rickert	Diane Rickert	Lisa Morgan
Saul Askin	Jane Vargas	Tracey Parrish
Lee Gephart	Randy Martino	Mark Haggard;
Jerry Martin	Carlos Crespo	Morgan Hand

2024 200-Yard CMP GSM High-power Rifle Match April 27, June 29, September 28, November 23

The Match is open to all. Current CMP rules will govern. Entry Fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members, \$10 for juniors. All matches to be fired at 200 yards at 2-stage targets with outriggers for sighters. All fired on the SR-1 target.

Course of Fire:

- Match 1: 200 yards prone, 5 sighting shots and 10 shots for record in a time limit of 10 minutes.
- Match 2: 200 yards prone, 10 shots with a magazine change in a time limit of 70 seconds.
- Match 3: 200 yards standing, 10 shots for record in a time limit of 10 minutes.
- Match 4: Aggregate of matches 1, 2, & 3.

Authorized Rifles: (Numbers refer to CMP Games Rulebook)

- 4.2.1 General As-Issued Military Rifle Requirements
- 4.2.2 As-Issued M1 Garand
- 4.2.3 As-Issued M1903 Springfield
- 4.2.4 Other As-Issued U. S. Military Rifles
- 4.2.5 As-Issued Foreign Military Rifles
- 5.2.2 General Rules for Modern Military Rifles (AR-15, AK-47, SKS, FN-FAL, etc.)

Registration is at 9:00 AM. Shooter's meeting at 9:15 AM and firing begins at 9:30 AM. Contact Match Director Roy Burmeister at (248) 672-2113 for Match Program or any questions.

BIG BORE PISTOL & .22 LR RIFLE SILHOUETTE SUNDAY, MAY 19, 9AM

MATCH FEE - \$10.00 MEMBERS- \$15 NON-MEMBERS

Some folks need to see more than holes in paper to get a sense of accomplishment that comes with a well-placed shot. That's where the sport of silhouette shooting comes in. Shooting at targets that fall and return a sound from the hit may be just the ticket! Targets are steel silhouettes of chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams set out at various distances. Along with big bore handgun, we have a separate class for .22 rim fire rifles and a class for "cowboy" rifles. Guns allowed are:

Any .22LR rifle or pistol
Any center fire caliber pistol
Pistol caliber rifles

Any center fire rifle shooting cast lead bullets First time shooters must attend the 9:15 a.m. safety briefing to compete. Neil Wallask, Match Director 352-344-8836

PRECISION PISTOL

The club is currently canvasing for a qualified Range Officer to assume the duties of Match Director for our monthly Precision Pistol competition. During this interim period, the club will host a 900 point 90 round non-NRA sanctioned Precision Pistol competition. The entire event will be fired at 25 yards utilizing the B-16 and B-8 targets. A twenty-two (.22) caliber handgun is recommended, but any pistol approved by the RO in charge will be allowed.

The match will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month. This event will afford shooters an introduction to our sport and encourage more former participants to return. A \$10 range fee will be collected for members and \$15.00 for non-members. For additional information contact Gary at 315-633-2865 or John at 813-469-3500.

ACTION RIFLE MATCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

www.hernandosportsmansclub.com U.S. 19, 19 1/2 miles north of Hwy 50 (Weeki Wachee) For scores and info, visit our official Action Rifle Web Site: www.flpracticalshooting.com

BRING OUT YOUR AR, AK, MIA, FAL,SKS, MINI-14 OR ANY OTHER MILITARY STYLE RAPID FIRE RIFLE AND WORK IT THE WAY IT WAS DESIGNED TO WORK..... MOVING AND SHOOTING

ACTION RIFLE IS THE SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH 3 GUN IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

- MINIMUM 4 STAGES OF FIRE
- ENTRY FEE IS \$10 MEMBERS & \$20 FOR NON-MEMBERS
- SIGN IN BY 8:45 AM AND SAFETY BRIEF AT 9:00 AM
- BRING AT LEAST 200 ROUNDS
- RIFLES WILL BE MILITARY SERVICE RIFLES OR THE NEAREST AVAILA-BLE CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT. ONLY ONE SIGHTING SYSTEM IS ALLOWED AND CANNOT BE SWAPPED DURING THE MATCH.
- LIMITED, TACTICAL, TAC-HEAVY AND OPEN DIVISIONS
- CHAMBER FLAGS REQUIRED. MAY NEED SLING—BRING ONE JUST IN CASE
- TARGETS WILL BE LARGE STEEL PLATES AT LONGER RANGES, PAPER PLATES, BOWLING PINS AND IPSC TARGETS AT CLOSER RANGES
- FOOD, SNACKS, WATER AND SOFT DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE

CALL RAY AT 301-524-7044 FOR ADDITTIONAL INFORMATION

HANDGUN BOWLING PIN** SATURDAY. APRIL 13**

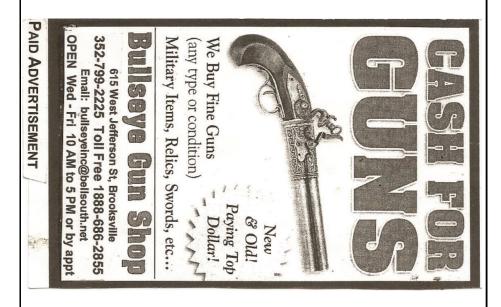
Sign up starts at 8:45 am - Must attend Safety Meeting at 9:00 am
Match begins at 9:15 am
Entry fee is \$10.00-Members
\$15 Non-Members for three guns - one in each class

This is a timed handgun shooting event. Shoot standard bowling pins completely off a table as quickly as you can. There are classes for 22 Rimfire, Centerfire Semi-Auto and Centerfire Revolver. Each class has divisions for Stock (Any gun with iron sights & uncompensated barrel) and Open (Any gun with optic sight and/or compensated barrel).

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL HAVE BOWLING PIN PRACTICE THE FRIDAY BE-FORE THE WEEKEND MATCH. PRACTICE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 12 9-12. Neil Wallask, Match Director 352-344-8836

Hernando Sportsman Club Practical Shooting AFFILIATED WITH USPSA SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Come test your pistol skills of accuracy and speed in a friendly club atmosphere. Matches held the second Sunday of the month. Registration at 8:30 am. Match fee is \$10.00 for members, \$15 for non-members plus USPSA fees. Contact Dave Gelbogis at 352-795-5479 for info.



NEWSLETTER MAILING

We stopped mailing the newsletter to all members due to the cost involved. However if you would still like to receive the newsletter via mail we will begin mailing to those members for \$25/year. This will run from January thru December each year. You can mail your check for \$25 to the club at P O Box 10754, Brooksville, FL 34603 or drop it off in the clubhouse. The rising cost of postage as well as printing has exceeded what our budget can handle. The newsletter will still be available in the clubhouse to pick up or on our website at www.hernandosportsmansclub.com



ACTION PCC - APRIL 21

Action PCC (Pistol Caliber Carbine) matches are held the 3rd Sunday each month. 150 to 200 rounds total is typical. Four stages. \$10 for club members and \$20 for non-members entry fee. Sign in is over at 08:45 am. For info contact Bill at b4shay@yahoo.com

RANGE OFFICERS

We are looking for volunteer RO's for our Open Range. Requirements for the position are to be a club member for a minimum of one year, be a certified NRA RO or willing to take our NRA range officer class, and available to be trained on the range plus work a flexible schedule occasionally. Please call Dave Gelbogis at 352-795-5479 or Hank Coutinho at 352-586-7024 for more details and an interview.

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INEXPERIENCED SHOOTERS NOTICE

ADVANCED NOTICE TO THE CLUB IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE A SAFE AND PLEASANT SHOOT-ING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL INVOLVED FOR GROUPS OF FOUR OR MORE. NEW OR INEXPERIENCED SHOOTERS. PLEASE CONTACT HANK COUTINHO, 352-586-7024, hjshootist8@aol.com OR JIM O'BRIEN, 239-849-5515, ncpdret@aol.com



IDPA DEFENSIVE PISTOL MATCH SATURDAY, APRIL 20 **ENTRY FEE IS \$10.00 MEMBERS** \$15.00 NON-MEMBERS SIGN UP AT 8:30 AM, SAFETY MEETING AT 9:00 AM

Match will be run under IDPA and Hernando Sportsman's Club rules.

The intent of the Defensive Pistol Match is to simulate self-defense scenarios and real-life encounters or skills. It is geared toward the new or average shooter, yet is fun, challenging and rewarding for the experienced shooter. The main goal is to test the skill and ability of the individual, not equipment or gamesmanship.

You will need about 100 rounds of ammunition, a belt holster, magazine pouches for 2 magazines/speed loaders and 3 magazines or speed loaders. NO SHOULDER HOLSTERS OR BEHIND THE BACK HOLSTERS ARE AL-LOWED DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS. Almost any noncompensated handgun with a barrel shorter than 5.3 inches (revolvers 4-inch barrel) can be

used.

Contact Tom Skuse at 352-600-9025 (H)