







# **DECEMBER 2021**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## ANNUAL DINNER/VOLUNTEER DINNER

I'm looking forward to our annual dinner with volunteers and I hope many of our new members. New members, please come and meet our members and volunteers. This is the first time that we have combined both the annual dinner and volunteer dinner. The Covid crises has caused many operational changes in our club. By now everyone that is going to get their shot has and we're getting a little closer to a normal way of operation. It is very important that you RSVP because we want to provide our members with plenty of food but do not want an extreme excess. This is very expensive to the club but we all enjoy each others company. We all have similar interests in the shooting sports.

## VOLUNTEER RO'S NEEDED FOR OPEN RANGE

We are still in need of open range help any day(s) we are open either all day, mornings or afternoons to assist with safety for our shooters. If you can donate one day or two days or any morning or afternoon, please contact Hank at 352-586-7024 or Dave at 352-795-5479 or the clubhouse at 352-597-9931. Our goal is a safe range!

#### **FULL STAFF**

We would like to get back to our regular hours but that requires full staff and a little back up. We are looking for new RO's and additional clubhouse staff. We find that staffing our range is a national problem for most businesses. There seems to be a shortage of people who are willing to work or a shortage of members that are willing to help our club grow. Volunteerism seems to be a lost commodity. Our range was built completely by dedicated volunteers. And we thank those range officer volunteers that have recently stepped forward.

Hope to see you at the range. Come out and enjoy your club. Happy Holidays to you and your family!

#### Randie Rickert, President

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A PLEASE NOTE: WE STRONGLY THAN FIVE NEW OR INEXPERIE NOTICE TO THE CLUB TO ENSU AND PLEASANT SHOOTING EXI	NCED SHOOTERS GIVE A	ADVANCED IDE A SAFE

## **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 Chassahowitzka 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:

Charles & Julie Lyons Pitcher, Byron & Susan Guyette, Garry & Laurie Armando & Yenifer Bode William & Brenda Records Waters, James & Leonora Ralph & Susan Swanson Donald Whippie

The Annual & Volunteer Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 3:30 PM in the big clubhouse. The club will provide dinner and members are asked to bring a favorite dessert to share. PLEASE RSVP to the clubhouse at 352-597-9931 BY DEC. 3 if your family will be attending. Since this dinner is catered we must have a accurate count for the caterer

#### **CCW CLASS...LEARN TO SHOOT**

The CCW Firearms Safety & Shooting class will only be held on Saturday, Dec.18. Classes are held in the big clubhouse and begin at 9 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. The course fee is \$60. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Call the clubhouse at 352-597-9931 to register and for further information. Completion of the class also provides required documentation to apply for a concealed carry permit.

#### **HUNTERS ED**

The 2022 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.

January 8 & 9 Trad	
April 9 & 10 Trad	
June 11 & 12 Trad	
July 10—Online Archery	

Feb 12 Online Trad May 7 Online Trad July 9 Online Trad Oct 8 & 9 Trad

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following schedules are set aside for law enforcement training:

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## 4-H 22 RIFLE & SHOTGUN

The 4-H will meet on Sunday, December 5 & 19 at 1pm on the 50 yard range. Sign up for the new year started as of August 24 online. For information about the 4-H program, contact leader Jim Prack at 727-900-6501.

## COWBOY ACTION MATCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 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, SAT., DEC 4

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 guardian) 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 \$3.00 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. Nov. results are:

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#### **ADVERTISING RATES**

Ad Size:	1/3	2/3	Full
<b>Regular Distribution</b>	\$17.00	\$30.00	\$50.00
Gun Show Edition	\$24.00	\$43.00	\$62.00
Deadline For Ad or Inform	nation Is The 1	0th Each Mo	nth



## HSC MULTIGUN & PCC MATCH - DEC. 26

Multigun PCC matches are held on the 4th Sunday each month. The match includes 4 stages: PCC, Pistol & Shotgun. Slings occasionally used so bring one. 75 to 100 rounds for shotgun, 100 to 150 rounds pistol/PCC. Up to 10 Slugs and 10 "00" buck may be needed. Match entry fee is \$10 for club members & \$15 for non-members. Sign in is over at 08:50 am. Contact Russ Chapman at 352-279-4927 or rchapman@chapmanland.com for more information or questions.

## NO RIMFIRE CHALLENGE IN DECEMBER

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS....

A huge thanks to our great volunteers at our October Gun Show. We appreciate you more than we can describe and without you, it would not happen! Thank you to the following members and our super 4-H family:

<b>Rick Morin</b>
<b>Bob Bacon</b>
Randie Rickert
Tom Keadle
Irwin Rappon
Raymond Linville
Don Granda

Mary Lou Morin Holly Ingraham Art Phillips Diana Rappon Dan Wing Candi-Jo Linville Diane Rickert Frank Caruso Jane Vargas Harry Wood Capt. Frank Bourgeios Jim Echlin Joe Payne

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Jim Prack Tara Hendry Krystal Hockey Astrid Sheppard Josiah Hendry Sam Hendry Jordan Coates Katherine Sheppard

## GUN SHOW DRAWING WINNERS

1st Prize	Joseph Austin	S&W 9mm Semi-Auto Pistol
2nd Prize	<b>Rick Morin</b>	<b>\$50</b> Publix Gift Card
3rd Prize	Gary Streber	<b>\$25</b> Chili's Gift Card

Thank you to all who purchased ickets and supported our gun show drawing!



## HERNANDO STEEL MATCH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

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.

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 only. Pre-signup is highly recommended and can be done from 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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NEW...NIGHT SHOOT, DEC 4, 6:30 PM On the first Saturday evening each month thru March there will be a Pistol or PCC match in low light/no light. Pistol and PCC in 9mm or larger. Holster for firearm; mounted lights encouraged but not required. 100-125 rounds recommended. Pre-signup required at matchsignup.com. This event is NOT for beginners. Gate will be open from 5:30-6:00 pm. Safety briefing at 6:15 pm. You must pre-register! Contact Russ Chapman at rchapman@chapmanland.com.



## 100-YARD HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

The match is open to all. Current NRA rules will govern. Entry fee is \$20 per shooter which covers NRA registration fee. All matches will be fired at 100 yards at 2-stage targets with outriggers for sighters:

- Match 1: Slow fire standing 10 rounds & 2 sighters in 12 minutes on target SR1
- Match 2: Standing to sitting rapid fire 10 rounds in 60 seconds on target SR1 (sighters optional and separate)
- Match 3: Standing to prone rapid fire 10 rounds in 70 seconds on target SR21 (sighters optional and separate)

Match 4: Slow fire prone - 20 rounds & 2 sighters in 22 minutes on target MR31

Match 5: Aggregate of Matches 1 - 4

Any service rifle or commercial equivalent with iron sights and minimum 5 round capacity may be used. Rapid loading capability IS needed. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. The shooters meeting is at 9:15 a.m. and firing begins at 9:30. Contact Mark Roberson at 813-476

## **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 nonmembers. For additional information contact Gary at 315-633-2865 or John at 813-469-3500.

#### BIG BORE PISTOL & .22 LR RIFLE SILHOUETTE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 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

#### IDPA DEFENSIVE PISTOL MATCH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 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 ALLOWED DUE TO SAFETY CON-CERNS. Almost any non-compensated handgun with a barrel rter than 5.3 inches (revolvers 4-inch barrel) can be used.

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

## ACTION RIFLE MATCH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

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- 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.
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- 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 DAVE AT 352-795-5479 FOR ADDITTIONAL INFORMATION

## **HANDGUN BOWLING PIN** \*\* SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11\*\*

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, NOVEMBER 10 9-12. Neil Wallask, Match Director 352-344-8836

## Hernando Sportsman Club Practical ShootingAFFILIATED WITH USPSASUNDAY, DEC 12

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 Daryl Dickerson at 729-934-8179 for info.

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## **ACTION PCC - DECEMBER 19**

Action PCC (Pistol Caliber Carbine) matches are held the 3rd Sunday each month. 150 to 200 rounds total may be required depending on the stage setups. Four stages, \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members entry fee. A sling may occasionally be required for some stages, so if you have one, bring it. Sign in is over at 08:50 am. Contact Bill Forshay at 813-289-7911 or b4shay@yahoo.com with questions.

## CLASSICAL FAST DRAW SOCIETY

The Classical Fast Draw date will be Sunday, Dec 19 at 9:30. These sessions will take place at the OK Corral next to the barn. You will need a single action western revolver (Colt, Ruger, Cimarron, etc.) and at least 50 rounds of black powder blanks. Larger calibers 44 or 45 work best as you will be firing black powder blank ammunition. Gun & ammo for first time shooters is available. Period clothing is required.

For further details, call Dan Wing, 941-815-8164.



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## MODIFIED F CLASS, SUNDAY, DEC. 5 - CHANGE THIS MONTH

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 Byron Davis at 352-341-3909 or Tom Keadle at 352-249-7837 for information

## SHOOT FOR RAY FUNDRAISER DEC 11, 9:30-1:30 on HSC TRAP FIELD

YOUR \$100 DONATION TO SHOOT WILL ALL GO TOWARDS A NEW OFF-ROAD WHEELCHAIR FOR RAY. RAY IS A YOUNG MAN IN HIS 20'S WHO LOVES THE OUTDOORS AND HAS SHOT TRAP WITH HIS FAMILY & FRIENDS AT OUR CLUB. THIS WHEELCHAIR GIVES HIM MORE FREEDOM TO ENJOY HIS OUTDOOR LIFE.

\$100 DONATION. A SHOTGUN WILL BE PROVIDED IF NEED-ED. YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN AN OVER/UNDER BROWNING CITORI CX WHITE. YOU HAVE A 5 TICKET GUARANTEE FOR YOUR DONATION AND HAVE THE OP-PORTUNITY TO WIN UP TO 10 MORE TICKETS. EMAIL shootforray@yahoo.com OR CALL SERGIO AFTER 6PM AT 786-470-7030.