

**Hernando Sportsman's Club, Inc.**  
**P. O. Box 10754**  
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**Dec 30 & 31**

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# DEC 2023

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### CLUB MAHINDRA TRACTOR

In spite of what it sounds like, the tractor is made in the USA. This piece of equipment has become extremely handy. This heavy piece of equipment has served for so many uses, i.e. bushhogging, moving moderate quantities of sand on the ranges and most recently with the fork attachment, unloading pallets of birds, shotgun shells and other necessities as a back up for the forklift when its down or otherwise unavailable. Most recently this chunk of equipment even pulled the Pepsi semi truck out of the sand when it got stuck in the wrong place.

### DAVE GELBOGIS

I would especially like to thank Dave for staying after hours with the pepsi truck, calling me to come out and operate the tractor and helping to hook up the chain on the tractor and truck. The real hard part was finding the chain in the compound. I really appreciate Dave locking up after I got the tractor put away. Dave has been a steady board member from almost the very beginning when he and I used to drive to the Tampa Police Range to shoot silhouette. That range no longer exists. Our club acquired all the metallic silhouette targets and later purchased all the turning targets on our 50 yard range for Bullseye matches.

### RANGE OFFICERS

We are looking for volunteer range officers 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 for more details and an interview.

We are also looking for a range officer for our Trap Field. Again requirements for the position are to be a club member for a minimum of one year, be a certified NRA RSO or willing to take our NRA range officer class, and available to be trained on the range plus work a flexible schedule. Please call Randie Rickert at 352-799-3605 for more details and an interview.

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

Randie Rickert, President

CLUB E-MAIL ADDRESS: [hsci@gate.net](mailto:hsci@gate.net)  
CLUB WEB PAGE: [www.hernandosportsmansclub.com](http://www.hernandosportsmansclub.com)

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### ADVERTISING RATES

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 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:

Mark & Tara Arbogast  
Troxell & Christine Snyder  
Eric & Kimberley Peeler

Joseph & Denise Juarez  
Don & Donna Boggetti  
Darrell Hulfachor

## CCW CLASS...LEARN TO SHOOT

The NRA First Steps Pistol class will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 9am (Ladies Only). Classes are held in the big clubhouse and run approximately 4 hours. The course fee is \$60. **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 First Steps Pistol Courses and 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.

January 14—HE Online	Feb 3—HE Online
Feb 24—Archery Online	March 9 & 10—HE Traditional
April 14—HE Online	June 8 & 9—HE Traditional
July 27—Archery Online	August 17 & 18—HE Traditional
Sept 8—HE Online	October 12 & 13 HE Traditional

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following schedules are set aside for law enforcement training:

Largo PD	200 Meter	December 8 & 22
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## 4-H 22 RIFLE & SHOTGUN

The 4-H meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 3 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.

**COWBOY ACTION MATCH  
NEXT MATCH DECEMBER 3  
REGISTRATION 8 AM - MATCH STARTS 9 AM  
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MATCH FEE \$10.00-MEMBERS \$15-NON-MEMBERS  
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP  
WITH OUR MATCH SET UP PRIOR  
TO THE SUNDAY MATCH. CONTACT  
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**22 JUNIOR MARKSMAN DEC 2**

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 \$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. Oct. results are:

	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	AWARD
Tobias Egli	171 3-Pos	166 3-Pos	
Sarah McLaughlin	297 Prone	282 Prone	Bar 2
Brantley Gates		80 Prone	
Eucelia Quintana	162 Standing	171 Kneeling	First Class
Addison Gates		32 Prone	

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!!

**OCTOBER GUN SHOW**

We would like to acknowledge how grateful we are to our volunteers and workers at our October Gun Show. Each show we seem to get less and less volunteers and the members that come are truly appreciated! Many thanks to the following:

Bob Bacon	Saul Askin	Diane Rickert
Holly Ingraham	Randie Rickert	Jane Vargas
Irwin & Diana Rappon	Jim Echlin	Wayne Sessa
Art Phillips	Harry Wood	Dan Wing
Carlos Crespo	Tracey Parrish	Lee Gephart

Winners in our drawing were:

1st Prize	Larry Garvin	FHX 45 1911 Hybrid Pistol
2nd Prize	D.E. Lane	\$50 Publix Gift Card
3rd Prize	JJ Austin	\$25 Chili's Gift Card

Our sincere thanks to all who participated in our drawing by purchasing tickets. Hope to see everyone at our January show!



**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 on our website at [www.hernandosportsmansclub.com](http://www.hernandosportsmansclub.com) or in the clubhouse to pick up.



## 22 RIFLE & PISTOL MATCH - SAT., DEC. 23

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 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

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.

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## HERNANDO STEEL MATCH SATURDAY, DEC. 2 & FRIDAY, DEC. 15

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 5-target 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 [www.matchsignup.org](http://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.

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### **MODIFIED F CLASS SUNDAY, DEC. 3, 2023**

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.

  
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### **2023 200 YD CMP HIGH-POWER RIFLE MATCH DECEMBER 23**

The Match is open to all. Current CMP rules will govern. Entry Fee is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members, \$15 for juniors. All matches to be fired at 200 yards at 2-stage targets with outriggers for sighters.

#### **Course of Fire:**

- Match 1: 200 yards standing, 2 sighting shots in a time limit of 2 minutes and 10 shots for record in a time limit of 10 minutes.
- Match 2: 200 yards sitting, 2 sighting shots in a time limit of 2 minutes and 10 shots with a magazine change in 60 seconds.
- Match 3: 200 yards prone, 2 sighting shots in a time limit of 2 minutes and 10 shots with a magazine change in 70 seconds.
- Match 4: 200 yards prone, 2 sighting shots in a time limit of 2 minutes and 20 shots for record in 20 minutes.
- Match 5: Aggregate of matches 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Any service rifle or commercial equivalent or match rifle with iron sights or approved optics and a minimum of 5-round capacity. Rapid reloading capability is needed. 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 any questions.

### **200-YD CMP GSM HIGH-POWER RIFLE MATCH DECEMBER 30**

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.

#### **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:**

- 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 any questions.

**BIG BORE PISTOL & .22 LR RIFLE SILHOUETTE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 canvassing 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, DECEMBER 9**

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

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- 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 AVAILABLE 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 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**HANDGUN BOWLING PIN**

**\*\* SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9\*\***

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 BEFORE THE WEEKEND MATCH. PRACTICE IS FRIDAY, DEC. 8, 9-12.  
Neil Wallask, Match Director 352-344-8836



## Hernando Sportsman Club Practical Shooting

AFFILIATED WITH USPSA SUNDAY, DEC. 10

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.

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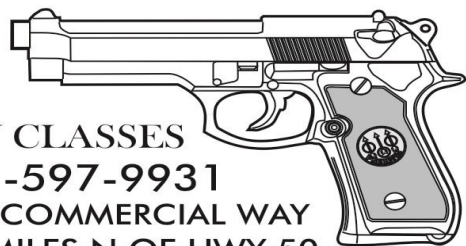
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ACTION PCC - DECEMBER 17

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](mailto:b4shay@yahoo.com)

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**IDPA DEFENSIVE PISTOL MATCH**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**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 CONCERNS. Almost any non-compensated handgun with a barrel shorter than 5.3 inches (revolvers 4-inch barrel) can be used.*

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