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



HERNANDO SPORTSMAN'S CLUB





SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 8 AM

AT THE RANGE CLUBHOUSE 16121 COMMERCIAL WAY (U S 19) 9 ½ MILES N OF HWY 50 352-597-9931



NOVEMBER 2022

8th Annual Fall Harvest Turkey Shoot

A Traditional Turkey Shoot – Using Traditional Firearms

4 CHANCES TO WIN! Sunday – 13 November



SEE PAGE 18 FOR ALL DETAILS

Breakfast Buffet included: 8:30 am - non-shooting guests, \$6.00 Exhibition of traditional shooting skills commences at 10:00am

\$25-Please register by 6 November 2022 (So we can plan the GRUB)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FIVE STAND & TRAP

We have ordered a new trap machine for our five stand shooters. Once again we are faced with elderly machines that seem to want to go extinct. Some of the machines we have in storage would be an easy rebuild except that there are no longer any parts available.

CLUBHOUSE STAFF

We are still looking for a clubhouse staff person. This is a part time job that pays well for limited hours and would provide a retired person a good additional income. Please call Randie or Diane Rickert, 352-799-3605, for details and an interview.

RANGE OFFICERS

We are looking for both paid RO's and volunteers so that we can get back to a full week's schedule. The club has not been open in a full schedule since the Covid crises. Requirements for either position are be a club member for a 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.

Hope to see you at the range. Come out and enjoy your club.
Randie Rickert, President

CLUB E-MAIL ADDRESS: hsci@gate.net

CLUB WEB PAGE: www.hernandosportsmansclub.com

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Deadline For Ad or Information Is The 10th Each Month					

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Sign up in the clubhouse to participate in the event.

Limited to traditional rifles and pistols: (One loaded round per shot) - Autoloader, Bolt action, Lever action, Break action, Pump action, Rolling/falling block, Side lock or In-line muzzleloader, –

.25 caliber or larger – open or peep sights – No optics

First Target Pistol: single shot at 15 yards standing (unsupported) First Target Rifle: single shot at 25 yards standing (unsupported)

Best shot: \$25 Tractor Supply Gift Certificate

Second Target Pistol: single shot at 25 yards standing (unsupported) Second Target Rifle: single shot at 50 yards standing (unsupported)

Best shot: \$35 Harbor Freight Gift Certificate

Third Target Pistol: single shot at 50 yards standing (unsupported) Third Target Rifle: single shot at 100 yards standing (unsupported)

Best shot: \$50 Rural King Gift Certificate

Fourth Target: single shot at 25 yards standing at the "Turkey"

Club provided shotgun and ammunition

Best shot closest to the eve: Box of Shot Shells and a \$20 Hernando Sports-

man's Club Gift card

Second chance shot at Turkey only is additional \$5.00

Contact: Dan Wing 352-293-6532 or oldrockerdan@gmail.com

for additional information

16121 Commercial Way, Brooksville, FL 34614 Phone: 352-597-9931 – email: hsci@gate.net www.hernandosportsmansclub.com

Eye, ear protection and chamber flag are mandatory Firearms and ammunition must be in good working condition and will be inspected by Range Personnel prior to use.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Mark & Noni Biggerstaff Randell & Alana Scruggs

Angel & Maria Leon
Justin & Shayne Ramirez

Corey Lundberg
Peter & Debra Battista

CCW CLASS...LEARN TO SHOOT

The CCW Firearms Safety & Shooting class will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 19. 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.

See Page 17 for more NRA upcoming classes.

HUNTERS ED

The 2023 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.

Feb. 11 & 12 Trad. Mar. 11 Online Trad. Apr. 29 & 30 Trad. June 10 Online Trad. July 29 & 30 Trad Archery

Aug. 26 Online Trad
Sept. 9 Online Trad
Oct. 7 & 8 Trad.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following schedules are set aside for law enforcement training:

Largo PD 200 Meter November 4

4-H 22 RIFLE & SHOTGUN

The 4-H meetings will be held on Sunday Nov. 6 and 20 on the 50 yd range. For information about the 4-H program or registering for 4-H, contact leader Jim Prack at 727-900-6501.

COWBOY ACTION MATCH SUNDAY, NOVMBER 6 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.



NO 22 JUNIOR MARKSMAN IN NOVEMBER **SEE YOU DECEMBER 3RD**

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. October 1 results are:

MATCH 2 MATCH 1 Joev DiCicco 129 Standing Gina DiCicco

298 Kneeling

Sarah McLaughlin 128 Standing 148 Standing **First Class**

AWARD

Ana Roberts 201 Prone

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

NRA BASIC PISTOL COURSE—NOV. 12

The NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting is intended for all individuals regardless of previous shooting experience in a traditional, instructorled course where you will receive direct instruction from an NRAcertified instructor from beginning to end. This course takes place on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9am - 5pm at the Hernando Sportsman's Club, 16121 Commercial Way, Brooksville, FL 34614. Course lead instructor is Jim O'Brien, 1-239-849-5515, email ncpdret@aol.com Cost of course is \$75.00 with a 50% deposit. Also required is your firearm and 100 rounds of ammo. This course is completed in a single day format.

You can register for these courses on the NRA Training web site https://firearmtraining.nra.org/student-courses/ and select Basic Pistol and select "Find Near You." This opens the Course Listing page where you will select the Basics of Pistol Shooting-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.

NRA BASIC SHOTGUN COURSE—DEC. 10

This course includes classroom and range time learning how to shoot shotguns at moving targets. You will learn NRA rules for safe gun, shotgun components, malfunctions, shooting at straight away and angled targets. You will receive a basic shotgun shooting handbook, take a written exam and learn how to shoot at moving targets with an NRA certified instructor and upon completion you will receive a course completion certificate. The price of this course is \$100, and a 50% nonrefundable deposit is required. So, grab your shotgun and 3 boxes of shells and come out and have some fun. Any questions please call **Mary Lou Morin at 727-313-7649**

To sign up for the Basic Shotgun course go to the NRA Training web site https://firearmtraining.nra.org/student-courses/ and select Shotgun Courses and select "Find Near You. This opens the Course Listing page where you will select the Basics of Shotgun Shooting-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, December 10 course, you will enter your information in the registration fields. The course Instructor will contact you shortly thereafter.

22 RIFLE & PISTOL MATCH - SAT., NOV. 26

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.

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!

200 METER OPEN DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

THE 200 METER RANGE WILL BE OPEN FOR GENERAL SHOOTING ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 24 FROM 9AM—3PM. COST FOR MEM-BERS IS \$4 AND NON-MEMBERS IS \$18.00

HERNANDO STEEL MATCH SATURDAY, NOV. 5 & FRIDAY, NOV. 18

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.

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.

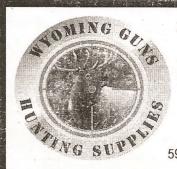




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MODIFIED F CLASS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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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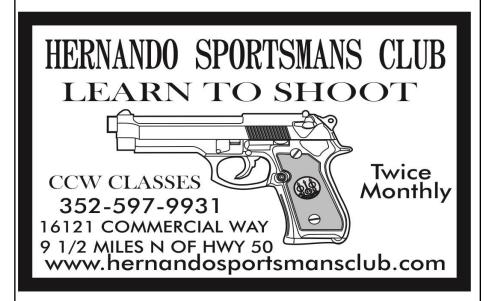
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200-YARD HIGH POWER MATCH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Match begins at 9 am. This will be an NRA 80 SHOT NATION-AL MATCH COURSE OF FIRE, 2 SIGHTERS THEN 20 SHOTS for record in each position. Standing, sitting rapid fire, prone rapid fire, prone slow fire. This is an NRA approved match. Scores will be sent in for classification. Entry fee is \$20 which includes the NRA Fee. Awards will be cash or merchandise. Contact Roy Burmeister at 248-673-2113 with questions.



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BIG BORE PISTOL & .22 LR RIFLE SILHOUETTE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 9AM CHANGE THIS MONTH TO 4TH SUNDAY 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, NOVEMBER 12

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 & \$15 NON-MEMBERS
- SIGN UP AT 9:00 AM AND STAGE WALK THRU AT 9:30 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
- MAJOR/MINOR CALIBER SCORING ON IPSC TARGETS MAJOR IS 7.62/.30, MINOR IS 5.56/.223, 5.45
- 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, NOVEMBER 12**

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).

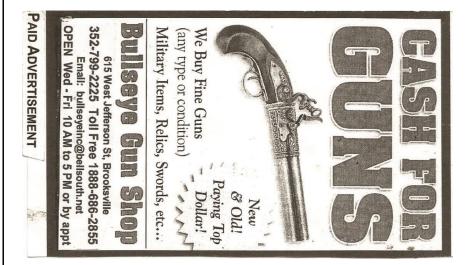
PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL HAVE BOWLING PIN PRACTICE THE FRIDAY BE-FORE THE WEEKEND MATCH. PRACTICE IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 9-12. Neil Wallask, Match Director 352-344-8836

Hernando Sportsman Club Practical Shooting AFFILIATED WITH USPSA SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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. Text Daryl Dickerson at 727-642-9314 for info.



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ACTION PCC - NOVEMBER 20

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.





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IDPA DEFENSIVE PISTOL MATCH
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
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 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)

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.

Our thanks to member Cliff Wyllie for his beautiful work on the new tables, benches and stools for the open range. We're sure our shooters will enjoy using the new items as well as admiring them.

Great job Cliff and thank you!

