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





The Revolutionary War Veterans Association is proud to announce Project Appleseed held at the Hernando Sportsman's Club.

Please visit www.appleseedinfo.org to register and for more information and dates



OCT 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

It is incredibly important that each of our members ad guests vote in the upcoming Presidential election. If you are not registered, please do so if you can. This is the most important election of your life. I have it on good authority that many gun owners do not vote. Do not think that because President Trump is in the lead that you can be complacent. We will need to overcome the dead people voting, the illegal immigrant vote and the other party's games. The shooting sports, your ability to protect yourself and the future of our country is at stake. VOTE, VOTE, VOTE but only once per person!

AUGUST GUN SHOW

I would like to thank the volunteers who participated at our last gun show. Please remember that our club literally built from the ground up by volunteers. When we bought our property, we had only 142 member volunteers. Our current membership enjoys the fruits of our many past volunteers.

MEMBER VOLUNTEERS

It is our member volunteers that provide the matches and many additional events and functions of our club. We have outstanding volunteers in all categories that are the envy of other clubs. I'd like to thank all of them for their support and participation as member volunteers. Become a member volunteer!

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

<u>ATTENTION NON-MEMBERS</u>
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2024, THE OPEN
RANGE FEE PER NON-MEMBER SHOOTER
WILL INCREASE TO \$20/DAY.

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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 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:

Ben & Shelby Beerman Robert & Nicole Wexler Jean & Lydia Larochee Maurice & Kimberly Thorne, Jr.

CCW CLASS...LEARN TO SHOOT

The NRA First Steps Pistol class will be held only Saturday, Oct 5 & 19, 9-2. Classes are held in the big clubhouse. PRE-REGISTRATION IS RE-QUIRED. 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.

NRA BASIC PISTOL COURSE

This course is scheduled for Dec 7, 9am. To register for this class, follow the above instructions but select BASIC PISTOL INSTRUCTOR LED. Or you can contact the clubhouse to register at 352-597-9931.

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.

October 12 & 13 HE Traditional

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following schedules are set aside for law enforcement training:

Largo PD

200 Meter

Oct 11 & 25

4-H 22 RIFLE & SHOTGUN

The first 4-H meeting will be held on Sunday Oct. 6 at 1pm in the big clubhouse & the Oct 20 meeting will be on the 50 yd range at 1pm. For information about the 4-H program or registering for 4-H, contact leader Brian Hatten at 813-217-1813 or email hscfourth@gmail.com.

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 MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB!

COWBOY ACTION MATCH NEXT MATCH—OCTOBER 6 REGISTRATION 8 AM - MATCH STARTS 9 AM S.A.S.S. AFFILIATED MATCH FEE \$10.00-MEMBERS \$20-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 OCTOBER 5

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. Sept 7 scores were:

MATCH 1 MATCH 2 AWARD
Tobias Egli 192 3-Pos 217 3-Pos
E. Quintana 275 Prone 252 Prone
Sarah McLaughlin 275 Prone 303 Prone

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

2024 200-Yard NRA High-power Rifle Match October 26, December 28

The Match is open to all. Current NRA 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 20 shots for record in 20 minutes. SR-1 Target.
- Match 2: 200 yards sitting, 2 sighting shots in a time limit of 2 minutes and 20 shots with a magazine change in 60 seconds (2 strings of 10 shots each). SR-1 Target
- Match 3: 200 yards prone, 2 sighting shots in a time limit of 2 minutes and 20 shots with a magazine change in 70 seconds (2 strings of 10 shots each). SR-21 Target (300 yard reduced to 200)
- Match 4: 200 yards prone, 2 sighting shots in a time limit of 2 minutes and 20 shots for record in 20 minutes. MR-31 Target (600 yard reduced to 200)
- Match 5: Aggregate of matches 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- 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.

AUGUST GUN SHOW DRAWING WINNERS

1st Prize - Holly Ingraham
2nd Prize - C. Gregory
3rd Prize - D. Ingalls
Ruger American Pistol, 9mm
Publix \$50 Gift Card
\$25 Applebees Gift Card

THANK YOU AUGUST GUN SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Dave Gelbogis	Sandy Rydarowski	Bob Bacon
Val Rickert	Diane Rickert	Jane Vargas
Saul Askin	Irwin Rappon	Diana Rappon
Dan Wing	Jim Echlin	Art Phillips
Harry Wood	Wayne Sessa	Joe Payne
Carla Fisher	Dave Gelbogis Jr.	Randie Rickert

22 RIFLE & PISTOL MATCH - SAT., OCT 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 Hugh Sharison at 352-340-4431 with questions.

200 METER OPEN DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

THE 200 METER RANGE WILL BE OPEN FOR GENERAL SHOOTING ON SATURDAY, JULY 20 FROM 9AM—3PM. COST FOR MEMBERS IS \$4 AND NON-MEMBERS IS \$18.00.



HERNANDO STEEL MATCH SATURDAY, OCT 5 & FRIDAY, OCT 18

JIM AKERS—SAT. MATCH DIRECTOR 352-586-6600 SUSAN PARIS - FRI. MATCH DIRECTOR 845-642-5749

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





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MODIFIED F CLASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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.



ARA 22LR Monthly Matches Oct 4th, Nov 1st, Dec 6th!

Match Directors: Terry Liffick and David Knight

Email: ARAHernandoSC@gmail.com

MONTHLY MATCHES!

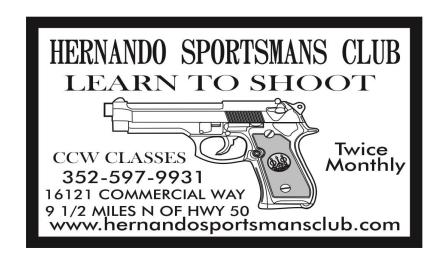
Matches will be on the 1st Friday of each Month starting at 8am. Competitors will register and compete in either Unlimited Class or Factory Class (or even both!). We have expanded and will have 12 benches, and our matches will consist of 4 targets. Registration will be through an email sent one week prior to the scheduled match. You MUST reply to the specific monthly registration email to be included on the competitor/match list.

All matches are open to the public and there will be shooters from outside our area and other clubs joining the competition.

Cost: is \$15 for HSC members, \$25 for non-members. (Juniors 7-17 are FREE)

You MUST sign up as an ARA member (this is FREE) to compete. All score reporting for national, state, and club rankings will be with your ARA number.

FACTORY CLASS shooters need to review and understand the RULES and restrictions found on the ARA website (AmericanRimfire.com). All match information will be posted on our "Club" page.



BIG BORE PISTOL & .22 LR RIFLE SILHOUETTE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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, OCTOBER 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

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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
- 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, OCTOBER 12**

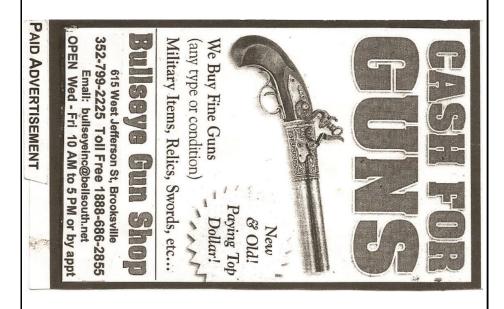
Sign up starts at 8:45 am - Must attend Safety Meeting at 9:00 am Match begins at 9:15 am Entry fee is \$10.00-Members \$15 Non-Members for three guns - one in each class

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. OCT 11. 9-12. Neil Wallask, Match Director 352-344-8836

Hernando Sportsman Club Practical Shooting AFFILIATED WITH USPSA SUNDAY, OCT 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 \$13.00 for members, \$20 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 - OCTOBER 20

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 SHOOTING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL INVOLVED FOR GROUPS OF FOUR OR MORE. NEW OR INEXPERIENCED SHOOTERS. PLEASE CONTACT JIM O'BRIEN at 239-849-5515 or email ncpdret@aol.com



IDPA DEFENSIVE PISTOL MATCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 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.