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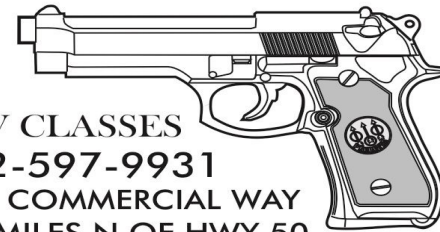
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SAD NEWS

Rick Morin, a past Executive Board Member and a current member of the Board of Trustees has passed away on August 8th. Rick was involved with many aspects of the club. He was a volunteer at the machine gun shoots, gun shows and helped out at various times on our trap field. He and Mary-Lou were shotgun shooters. Rick was an engineer and the many things that he did around the club were controlled and concise. As you may know, the Board of Trustees job is to oversee the boards operation of our club. The Board of Trustees consists of many past executive board members and adds long term insight which also gives a consistency of the club's goals and direction.

Rick was a friend and outstanding member of our club who we were all very, very proud to have known. Our deepest sympathy is sent to Mary-Lou Morin and his entire family.

CANNON SHOOT

I apologize to the people that came to the cannon shoot which was canceled due to many of our board and other members attending services for Rick Morin. This was the first ever cancellation of an event in our club's history. The Cannon Shoot has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 10th.

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.

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

Randie Rickert, President

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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 its 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 its 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, Applesed 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:

William & Mistie Pickering
Tim & Nicola Armstrong
Gary & Rachel Kirtley III
Gerald & Deborah Smith

Danny & Melissa Duckworth
John Florek
Clayton Paschal

CCW CLASS...LEARN TO SHOOT

The NRA First Steps Pistol class will be held only Saturday, Sept 21, 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.

NRA BASIC PISTOL COURSE

This course is scheduled for Sept 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.

Sept 8—HE Online

October 12 & 13 HE Traditional

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The following schedules are set aside for law enforcement training:

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**COWBOY ACTION MATCH
NEXT MATCH—SEPTEMBER 1
REGISTRATION 8 AM - MATCH STARTS 9 AM
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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 SEPTEMBER 7

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. August 3rd scores were:

	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	AWARD
Gage Quinn	_____	364 Prone Rstg	
Daniel Egli	303 Prone	282 Prone	
Jesse Egli	104 Prone	155	
Sarah McLaughlin	193 Prone	244 Prone	

**OPEN RANGE & TRAP
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**American Rimfire Association (ARA) Matches
Coming in October!**

Match Directors: Terry Liffick and David Knight
Email: ARAHernandoSC@gmail.com

Hernando Sportsman's Club is now a sanctioned American Rimfire Association (ARA) club.

WHAT IS ARA?

The American Rimfire Association is the sanctioning body for 22lr benchrest competitions with clubs spanning the USA. Both the Unlimited and Factory Class have 20 minutes to shoot a 25-bull target with ONE shot per bull at 50 yards for a maximum score of 2500 plus X count.

WHO IS ARA?

ARA includes a group of individuals, of all ages, who enjoy precision and striving to always hit the dot! Competitors ages 7-17 compete in the ARA Junior Division but are also included in Senior Division rankings. Many competitors travel the country shooting at multiple clubs; while others stay at their home club and enjoy their local competition.

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 will have 10 benches and our matches will consist of 4 targets. Registration will be through an email sent one week prior to the scheduled match. An email response is required to be included on the competitor/match list. Depending on the number of responses, we can have multiple relays to accommodate most everyone signing up. All matches are open to the public and there will be shooters from outside our area and other clubs joining the competition.

Cost will be \$10 for HSC members, \$20 for non-members.

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

You need to review and understand the RULES and FACTORY CLASS restrictions found on the ARA website (AmericanRimfire.com). And check out the entire website for information. All match information will be posted on our "Club" page. Go to ARA main webpage, select "Clubs" tab, scroll down to "Florida" and then select "Hernando Sportsman's Club".

22 RIFLE & PISTOL MATCH - SAT., SEPT 28

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, SEPTEMBER 21

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.

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HERNANDO STEEL MATCH SATURDAY, SEPT 7 & FRIDAY, SEPT 20

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, SEPTEMBER 1

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Modern Airgunning

After 60+ years, I still remember my first experience with my BB gun. My father would ball up some newspaper in a shoe box, and then tape the Sunday morning comics to the outside, and I would shoot away. Maybe ten feet, but I was still shooting. And when I ran out of BBs, I would empty the shoe box out, and shoot some more. Later in life, when I was around 12, I got my first powder burner, a .410 single shot crack-barrel shotgun. I would travel the woods with my trusty firearm. And throughout my life, I would get bigger and better. But there always remained the attraction to firearms, whether I was hunting, plinking, or just punching paper.

As I matured, meaning I got much older, I still had the attraction of shooting. But things happened; I'd established a life in a suburban environment. Aches and pains made it less likely I would adventure into the woods for countless hours with my trusty firearm. And then supply and demand really kicked in, ammunition and reloading supplies had virtually dried-up. And when you found some, it would cost a fortune to buy. And shooting in the backyard was impossible and truly expensive.

By accident, I started reading about and watching video of people shooting air guns. The term backyard friendly was used to describe the noise level of air guns. Some were powered by CO2, and other by pumping air into a tank which would propel the projectile. And these guns had some accuracy, enough to take out the unlucky bird or squirrel. But there range was very limited. After more searching on the internet, I found the world of the PCP (pre-charged pneumatic) air gun. These air guns are highly accurate and shoot extremely well at distances. I found there was competition matches; like RMAC, Pyramid Cup, Extreme Field Target, and more, and results were amazing. And the prizes were astounding.

So I acquired my first Puparium. One of the attraction was almost everything is adjustable. Pressures, ammunition, trigger, and I mean almost everything. I like to tinker and did a lot of reloading for my firearms. I wanted to most extreme accuracy I could get. Nirgunas're the same. When you find the right "tune" the results will go head to head with some firearms. In fact, many times you'll air guns competing side by side in smaller caliber rifles. And airgun shooters like to stretch the limits. First, the "experts" would say pellets were designed to be shot around 850-880 FPS. Some "tinkers" decided totes these limits, and found there was even greater accuracy at velocities over 1000 FPS. And since the shooter is allowed to use a moderator without jumping through ATF regulations, the argus-eyed backyard friendly.

Here in Florida, regulations are fairly lax, you have to be at least 16 to be unsupervised, and discharge theurge in a safe manner. In fact, it's legal to hunt deer with a .30 caliber airgun. There are other restrictions but this is the skinny version. Each shooter or hunter is responsible to know all laws. And in the more conventional calibers; .177, .22, .25, .30, there is little to no recoil. So all family members can enjoy shooting them without experiencing recoil, or the day after effects of recoil. And without recoil, there no flinching, so shooters learn better trigger control.

Florida offers an almost perfect environment year round for airgun competition. And more and more events are happening. If you would like to hear more about airgun shooting, give me a call 352-503-9225. I'm retired and really enjoy this shooting sport. Or drop me an email at jbc34446@gmail.com. Or go to my Face Book page, Free Florida Airgunner and participate in the conversations. I plan to start actively shooting at the Her-

nando Sportsman's Club range in preparation of upcoming event. If there's enough interest, maybe an event could be scheduled to introduce shooters to the amazing world of

airgun shooting. Club Member, Bart Cutshall

**BIG BORE PISTOL & .22 LR RIFLE SILHOUETTE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, SEPTEMBER 14

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- 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, SEPTEMBER 14****

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).

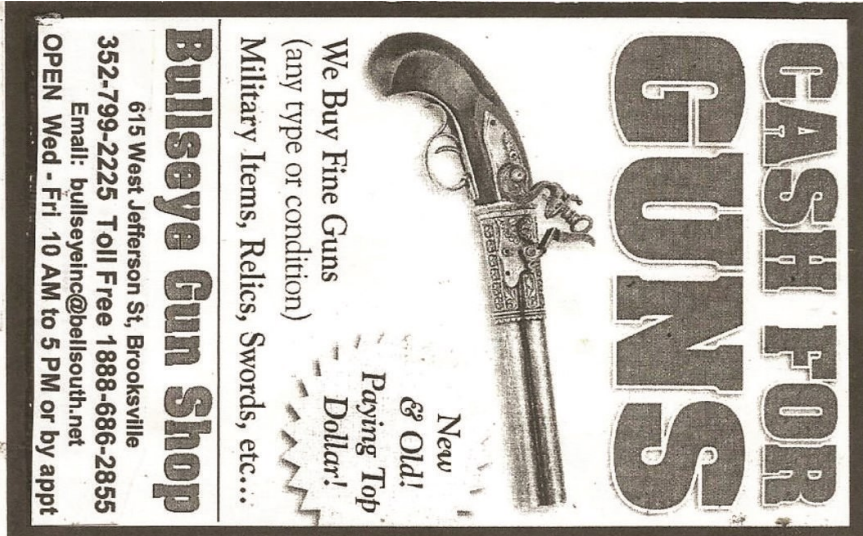
PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL HAVE BOWLING PIN PRACTICE THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE WEEKEND MATCH. PRACTICE IS FRIDAY, SEPT 13, 9-12.
Neil Wallask, Match Director 352-344-8836

Hernando Sportsman Club Practical Shooting

AFFILIATED WITH USPSA SUNDAY, SEPT 8

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.

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ACTION PCC - SEPTEMBER 15

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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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

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IDPA DEFENSIVE PISTOL MATCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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)