

❖ The North Berwick Rod & Gun Club Newsletter ❖

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2022 RENEWAL APPLICATION ATTACHED

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Hunters Trap

Gone again is another season of Hunters Trap for 2021. Sooner that we think the next seasons efforts will be upon us for 2022. 2021 started out with a delay but started up and slowly returned to the usual fun and commradery. The year ended very successfully with shooters dispersed all across the apron. Congratulations to Vaughn Watson who in the last moment made it to the last row 12. An excellent showing of marksmanship and determination. The bird supply is robust with more on the way for next year. In the past the supply of (ugh) green birds has been difficult to replace and we have been creative in securing them. Green birds hold the responsibility of costing a dollar if you miss it or getting a dollar credit if you break it. I tried painting or-

ange birds to try to fit in the supply but the orange base paint absorbs the green pigment and makes them very dark and not friendly for shooting. Yes it increased the club income but the challenge to break them brought some disgruntled expressions. The good news is that I have been able to order some for the future. I have ordered enough for probably the next 4 or 5 years as a special order and they will arrive in the spring. I will order another pallet of orange birds to save on shipping cost and trucking as we will always use them. The kitchen cabinet is in good shape. We should be able to start around the 3rd or last week of May if the weather permits and have at the game again. For now load up some shells or replace your supplies to prepare for next seasons fun and challenges. You need to supply your own ammo which usually is around 50 - 65 rounds. The cost is minimal (usually \$7-\$12 depending on green bird hits/misses) for the birds which is comfortable for all. As always Hunters Trap is from 3 till about 5-5:30 pm every Sunday though the summer with never a day off unless rain.

Benchrest Air Rifle

Air rifle bench rest is a new sport

to the NBRGC and is growing in interest here at the club. Inspired by the drive of Howard Williams and the efforts of the club members we have become a sanctioned USARB member and are recording scores monthly for record in the national publications. Another milestone for the Club is we are holding the first ever North East Regional Championship shoot here at NBGC in the indoor range March 18-20. It is looking like we are going to see some top level champions come from as far away as California. This will be a very prominent moment for our club brought to us by the efforts of Howard and shooting members here at NBRGC. When one sees the size of the target which is at 25 yards this becomes an amazing feat. The scores should be incredible. There are very serious disciplines required to achieve this scores. Practices for our club are every Monday at 3:30 to 5:30 in the indoor range Come check out a practice session and see what it takes to get involved. Always looking for new participants. Practice sessions are \$1 for the session and the sanctioned shoot is \$10 to enter. Sanctioned shoots are held in the middle of each month on a Saturday and run from about 8:30 am until approximately 3 pm. Great serious fun with a wealth of info to learn and share.

Air Gun Fun Shoot

Every Monday evening at 6 pm NBRGC entertains a fun shoot no requirements except an air or spring powered product. The shooting is done at 10 yard inside the indoor range. Tables, chairs, and a large variety of targets are supplied or one can bring their own target of choice. We have many novelty targets as well as conventional bullseye. If you don't have an air gun don't worry the club has several types for new shooters to try to see if they are interested plus give them some experience with the different types available before buying one. The event starts at 6 pm and lasts about 1 hour unless someone wants to shoot longer. Cost is only \$1 for the event. This is a great place for younger shooters to come and learn the basics of gun safety and the discipline of shooting while having fun. Set aside some time and come check it out on a Monday evening.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

This year has been slower than most with the pandemic and it's restrictions. Most organized activities have proceeded but with a reduced participation. Check the website for dates and planned events. We had a Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs fishing day for youth in June which was well attended. The club made the facilities available for 3 trapping classes run by the York County Trappers and Maine Fish & Wildlife. These classes were held entirely outside. Due to some of the requirement imposed on the Hunter Safety program we did not hold any classes this year.

NBRGC Archery

Last year was another "unusual" year at the club due to Covid 19 protocols. No activity occurred in the indoor range from January to April of 2021. However, archers began using the outdoor archery range in the spring where fewer rules were necessary. Since the outdoor range is available from first light to sunset, people have been able shoot at their leisure with their own individual family groups. Our outdoor range also allowed the club to host three well attended Maine Archery Association (MAA) Shooter of the year (SOY) competition during the summer and fall of 2021. In addition, the club hosted one indoor SOY shoot in December. The attendance at this shoot was surprisingly good with 11 at the morning shoot and 12 at the noon shoot. It appears people are finally putting the past behind and looking forward to shooting more indoors in 2022.

As in the past, the archers meet every Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. In order to spread out the shooting times, we try to have the younger kids as a group shoot a bit earlier, normally at 5:30 pm. The club also granted more shooting time for those who need more practice, especially if one is competing in the MAA-SOY winter events. For your information the NBRGC is hosting two SOY events this winter. One can visit the Maine Archery Association web site for all other SOY shoots. Club members who wish additional shooting time may join us on Monday evenings normally at

7:00 after air gun shooting ends. You may want to try shooting air gun and then finish later in the evening with your bow!

During the recent Maine hunting season, attendance indoors on Thursdays was low. We now have a half dozen adults and five kids who shoot on Thursdays but can easily accommodate twice as many people. We are now looking forward to many of the club members returning to shoot indoors during the winter of 2022.

Bob Pelletier

Membership

We had another strong year for membership with about 15 new members each month. Our active membership count ended the year at 926. This is a slight decline from last year. I blame it on COVID. We are still one of the largest clubs in the area and I think everyone would agree we are the best value for the dollar.

If you joined as a new member at this year's September meeting or after, your membership is paid through December 31 of 2022, so you don't need to send in a renewal. For everyone else, other than life members, your renewal is due now. For uninterrupted access to the club, please send in your renewal form available at the 2022 Renewal Form link as soon as possible. If there is no change to your information, please check the "no change" box on the application. It really saves time if we don't need to compare everyone's information to what is on the database. If you have questions on

your renewal status you can e-mail me at rgamache73@gmail.com.

We are an active club and will continue to provide our members with an outstanding facility and activities. Please continue to support the club and renew your membership. Also consider an NRA and a Sportsman's Alliance of Maine membership.

Youth Activities

Even with COVID we were able to do some of our youth activities this year. The fishing day was very successful with a good attendance and fun had by all. See photos on the club website.

In the hope that COVID restrictions will be lifted or at least not be more restrictive by summer the club will be offering two (2) Anthony M. Dyer scholarships this year. The winners may select from the following camps:

- Conservation camp:** Ages
Hunter Safety: Firearm (10-13)
Hunter Safety: Archery (10-13)
Hunter Safety: Firearm & ATV (10-15)
- Fishing Camp** (10-12)
- Natural Explorer** (10-13)

This scholarship is open to Maine residents only.

To apply send the applicant's name and age, parent's name, address, and phone number to the club mailbox: PO Box 33, North Berwick, ME 03906 or e-mail rgamache73@gmail.com. All entries must be received by February 22nd. The drawing will be held at the February meeting and winners will be notified after that. Scholarships are valid for the 2022 season and

cover camp tuition. Transportation and incidentals are the responsibility of the winner's family. For more information see the school's website at <http://extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond/>

Due to changes in the tax laws, we are no longer able to run a raffle to support these scholarships. Please consider making a small donation in addition to your membership dues in support of these valuable youth programs.

We will hold our annual "**Get Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs Kids Fishing Day**" at the beginning of June. It's a great event for all of the kids and for the members who work the event. We can always use extra hands, so please consider helping out.

North Berwick Rod & Gun Club 2022 RENEWAL Membership

Application REV: 10/14/21

Thank you for your membership. Please print clearly.

Check if no changes

Key card number _____

Name	
Street	
City	
State/Zip	
Phone	
Email *	

Membership Options - Please circle.

Membership Type	Membership Fee	Total Due
Adult – 1 Yr	\$60	\$60
Life – Under 65 yrs	\$600	\$600
Life – 65 yrs and over	\$420	\$420

Total enclosed: \$ _____ Expires December 31.

MEMBERS WILL NOT BE BILLED FOR RENEWALS AND NO REMINDERS WILL BE SENT.

Annual membership application go to: <https://nbrgc.org/join/> “Join”

Please circle area(s) of interest:

Archery - Action Pistol - Air Gun -Target Pistol - Ladies Pistol League - Rifle - Hunters Trap - Acton Fair
- Youth Activities - Venture Crew - Appleseed - NRA member - SAM member

Mail to: North Berwick Rod and Gun Club, PO Box 33, North Berwick, ME 03906-0033 or
bring application to meeting night **prior to 7:00.**

Monthly meetings: Jan-Oct on 4th Thursday. Nov-Dec on 3rd Thursday. See

<https://nbrgc.org/calendar/>

***By providing your email you grant permission for the club to email you with club business and to provide you with a login pass code to the club website. Your e-mail will not be sold or used for any other purpose.**