

# ❖ The North Berwick Rod & Gun Club Newsletter ❖

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## 2023 RENEWAL APPLICATION ATTACHED

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### **ANNUAL MEETING**

We will again be able to hold our annual meeting at the N. Berwick Rec center. The meeting will start at 7 pm preceded by a bean feed starting at 6 PM, on January 26th, 2023.

We will hold elections for 2023. All offices and 2 board member positions are open if you desire to run for them. If you wish to run for any of these positions please contact one of our current board members.

### **Hunters Trap**

Hunters trap for 2022 has come and gone. Where did the time go? Must have been so busy trying to hit the birds that no one was watching the calendar. We had a great season with the usual cast of characters spread across the apron. Always seems that every shooter starts out with gusto and vinegar only to hang around the middle of the field for several (maybe 5-8 weeks) sessions and then find the mark and move up in the grades.

Such was the case this year as well. Four shooters ended up at near the top of the course and others were spread out along the way. The addition of the shack at the trap range has been a huge win with being able to store all our EZ-up tents, scoring stuff and most of all, the orange and green birds. The trap is tucked away high and dry for the winter and at first look is 'good to go' for 2023. Will give it a final look over before we take it back to the trap house in May. Yes, May is just around the corner and will be here before you know it. Load up those special loads and maybe practice some dry firing from the hunter position because the next guy may be more ready than you. A season of fun and friendship is just ahead. Be ready.

### **Benchrest Air Rifle**

The year 2022 ended up with NBRGC holding the first ever North East Regional Competition in March. It was a huge success for the club with a shooter coming from New Jersey and a shooter planning to come from California. Unfortunately a medical issue curtailed the shooter from the west but they hope to make the next shoot if we can pull it together. The club made a mark for the U. S. Air Rifle Benchrest organization. Howard Williams shot a national record in the springer division and the targets now hang in the indoor range for all to see.

His name is now at the top of the class recorded for history in the national records. Congratulations to Howard for putting NBGC on the map. Practices are every Monday at 3:30 to 5:30 if anyone is interested in seeing what bench rest air rifle is all about. Matches are once a month in the middle of the month and are on the club calendar. Come check it out to see if there is something that might interest you.

### **Monday Night Air Gun**

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.

## **Membership Report**

Our membership count is 861 at year-end. We are one of the largest and most active clubs in the area even with the tight economy and the remnants of COIVD still lingering.

Your membership renewals are due. If you joined as a new member at this year's September meeting or after, your membership is paid through December 31 of 2023, 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 2023 renewal from 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](mailto: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.

## **NBRGC Archery – 2022/2023**

The North Berwick Rod & Gun club indoor and outdoor facilities continue to offer some of Maine's best archery shooting opportunities for members and guests. Archery in New England typically consists of four different types of shooting ranges. During inclement weather especially during the winter people use the 20 yard indoor range. When weather permits the other ranges used are the outdoor 10 to 80 yard range, the outdoor 3D range for more realistic hunting practice, and the outdoor field range similar to the 3D range except archers shoot at paper tar-

gets on bales instead of 3D animals. During the past few years the club has build three of these four types of archery ranges. Members may shoot indoors year round on Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Mondays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm after air gun during the winter months. There is plenty of room for additional members to shoot indoors on these days. Members can also shoot outdoors at any time of the year using the outdoor shooting range located on the right hand side of the indoor range building. In addition, the club also has an outdoor 3-D twelve animal range located on the left side of Butler road on club property. Access to this range is located on the left of the last pistol bay.

For those new to archery, the club offers instruction on target shooting and safe hunting. If you are interested in learning to shoot a bow, our senior archers some who are level one instructors, will work with you to teach the basics of safe shooting. For those who wish to bow hunt, in 2023 the club will be scheduling another Maine bow hunter safety course sometime this summer. People will need to visit the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife web site for the dates and to register.

For members who wish to compete in archery shoots, the club is a member of the Maine Archery Association (MAA) who has organized archery tournaments for several years. This past year, the club hosted five MAA archery tournaments, three in the winter and two in the summer. Our next indoor MAA shoots will be held on Sunday January 22, 2023 and February 19, 2023.

If you already shoot a bow and want to hone your skills, or if you would like to try shooting and need some instruction, visit us on Thursday evenings between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm

at the indoor range.  
Bob Pelletier

## **Youth Activities**

Things were pretty much back to normal with 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.

I'm very happy to announce that we will be offering three (3) Anthony M. Dyer scholarships this year. The winners may select from the following camps:

### **Conservation camp:**

Hunter Safety: Firearm (ages 10-13)

### **Conservation camp:**

Hunter Safety: Archery (ages 10-13)

### **Conservation camp:**

Hunter Safety: Firearm & ATV (10-15)

Fishing Camp (ages 10-12)

Natural Explorer (ages 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 the information to [rgamache73@gmail.com](mailto:rgamache73@gmail.com). All entries must be received no later than February 21st. The drawing will be held at the February meeting and winners will be notified after that. Scholarships are valid for the 2023 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/>

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 2023 RENEWAL Membership

Application REV: 11/18/22

Thank you for your membership. Please print clearly.

Check if no changes

Key card number \_\_\_\_\_

Name	
Street	
City	
State/Zip	
Phone	
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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.**