

❖ The North Berwick Rod & Gun Club Newsletter ❖

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2025 RENEWAL APPLICATION ATTACHED

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ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held at the North Berwick Rec. Center on Thursday January 22, 2026. We will have a bean supper starting at 6 PM, all members are welcome to attend. The annual meeting will follow at 7 PM. We will have an election for all officers and 2 board members for 3 year terms. If you have interest in running for any position please inform one of our current board members prior to the meeting.

Hunters Trap

With several rain outs we were still able to enjoy a successful trap season. The season went very smoothly with the trap functioning without incident. Once again I will go over it before reinstalling it in the trap house for the 2026 season. Shooters were dispersed all across the field with equal enjoyment. David Labrie was declared the season winner with a final accomplishment of

achieving the 11 Grade. At the end of the final shoot we had everyone stand at grade 12 and take a couple of shots to experience the final grade. David proved why he was the season champ by again breaking more birds. We still have a great stock of birds for the coming seasons as well as a very full compliment of Greenies. Means we can just shoot and not worry about running out of birds. We were joined by several new shooters who quickly learned the routine and all were excited to come back this coming season. As usual we will try to start shooting sometime in May pending the recession of the club lake and concluding the second weekend of October. A dry winter so far as my pond is still down but spring has a way of finding more water so we shall see. As soon as we can set a start date i will schedule the club calendar and get an email out to let the shooters know that Hunters Trap is starting Sundays at 3 pm. Great job this past year with all the help from Spencer and Donna as well as all shooters pitching in. Looking forward to the 2026 (Already?) season. It will be here sooner than we think.

Air Gun 6 PM

Every Monday evening at 6 pm we gather a group of fun gun shooters to shoot any air powered product at 10 yards in the indoor range. Shooters can shoot, bench, offhand, or any other position they can wiggle into at any target of their choice. We have a bunch of targets both bullseye and fun type for use. You can bring your own targets if you so choose. All shots go into the boxes to capture the spent pellets. 17 or 22 caliber only. Pistol or rifle powered by any air means (break barrel, co2, pop, or

springer type). No full auto. A proven place to start a young shooter to learn to safely shoot for fun and skill development. There is a fun time with much chatter and camaraderie as well as knowledge about air gun functions. The club has a high pressure compressor for PCP refills instead of the hand pump. Come on to the indoor range at 6 pm on Monday nights year round to have fun.

US Air Rifle Benchrest

Because of the number of shooters from NBRGC and the holding of regular monthly matches at our indoor facility we have become the major contributor towards USARB. What a huge accomplishment for the group led by our Bench Rest leader Howard Williams. In spite of undergoing numerous medical events he continues to push the club to the front. We are fortunate to have him steering the ship. We have shooters from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and shooters from New Jersey. Yes, they drive up from New Jersey and shoot the Saturday event bringing very good skills and turning in some fantastic scores. These events are shot at 25 yards at a target that is very unforgiving if the shooter doesn't pay attention to all the needed details. As all events we have a set of excuses to be used for the occasional(?) wandering shot. This is a discipline that requires focus and attention to detail so when a good target is produced the shooter can feel a great accomplishment. Come to the indoor range Monday's at 3:30-5:30 or Thursdays at 9 am to take a look. Monthly shoots are on the club calendar if you want to see the events live.

Membership Report

Our reported membership count as of the December 2025 meeting was 860 including new members at the December meeting. This is almost exactly what it was at the end of 2024.

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, 2026, 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 this [renewal form](#) link or on the back of this newsletter 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 a strong and 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. Please also consider an NRA and a Sportsman's Alliance of Maine membership.

Youth Activities

We had another successful youth fishing day in 2025. Attendance was the largest in some years. Everyone caught some beautiful fish and had fun.

I'm very happy to announce that we will be offering two (2) Anthony M. Dyer scholarships this year to the University of Maine 4-H Camp & Learning Center at Bryant Pond. 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 (ages 10-15)
- Fishing Camp (ages 10-12)
- Natural Explorer (ages 10-13)

This scholarship is open to Maine residents only, and applicants must not have previously attended the camp on a North Berwick Rod & Gun Club scholarship.

To apply send the following to rgamache73@gmail.com with the subject line Conservation Camp.

- applicant's name
- applicant's age
- parent's name
- address
- phone number
- email address

All entries must be received no later than February 23rd. The drawing will be held at the February meeting and winners will be notified shortly after that. Scholarships are valid for the 2026 season and will cover camp tuition only. 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. Check the website near then to confirm the date. It's a great event for all of the kids and for the members who work at the event. We can always use extra hands, so please consider helping out.

NBRGC Archery

Archery remains an active and well-supported discipline at the North Berwick Rod & Gun Club (NBRGC), offering members year-round shooting opportunities and organized competition under na-

tionally recognized rules.

The indoor archery range is open to members and guests every Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., providing a consistent time for practice regardless of season or weather. These sessions welcome archers of all experience levels and bow styles, with an emphasis on safety, skill development, and sportsmanship. During the winter season, the club hosts two National Field Archery Association (NFAA) indoor tournaments: a Vegas Round and a Blue and White Round. In the outdoor season, the club hosts two NFAA 600 Round tournaments on its outdoor archery range. All tournaments are organized and controlled by the NBRGC Archery Director, conducted under NFAA equipment and tournament rules, and coordinated with the Maine Archery Association (MAA). Participation by non-members is by invitation as guests.

Through the years, NBRGC members have formed close ties and lasting camaraderie with members of the Maine Archery Association. Archers from NBRGC who compete in these tournaments are also members of the MAA.

The club has also added one dedicated crossbow bale indoors and one outdoors, expanding shooting opportunities while maintaining proper range setup and safety standards.

Members and their guests interested in archery or crossbow shooting are encouraged to attend a Thursday evening shoot or speak with the Archery Director for additional information.

Bob Pelletier, Archery Director

North Berwick Rod & Gun Club 2026 RENEWAL Membership

Application REV: 12/10/2025

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.**