

NEW HOLLAND
RIFLE & PISTOL
CLUB, INC.
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW HOLLAND RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC.

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As an organization becomes mature after fifty years of existence, it can be recognized in many ways. Physically it can be recognized by it's physical plant, the area in which it does business as well as the personnel that belong and operate its function.

After wading through more than fifty years of recording secretarial notes, the following highlights of information are recorded chronologically and intended to impress on those that are using these facilities today the many, many hours of meetings, planning, work parties as well as sweat and tears that have gone into this organization.

Feb., 1953.

A hand full of persons interested in getting a shooting location met with Rollin Wolf, owner of a service station at the western end of New Holland for the possible use of some of his land situated off Snake Road and Peter's Road near Springville in Salisbury Township. Approval was granted after some discussion.

March 30, 1953.

The first official meeting was held with 28 charter members attending with the following officers elected.

President	J. Galen Mosser
Vice, President	Winters Bair
Secretary	William M. Kurtz
Treasurer	Robert Plank

Initiation Fee: \$5.00 Annual Dues: \$3.00 Associate Membership: \$1.00

Meetings were held at a variety of locations in New Holland such as the residence of the president, New Holland Farmer's Bank, Odd Fellows, Liberty Fire Company, Sperry New Holland, Little Dutch Restaurant., the Sportsman's Shop, Power Pro and Troupe 48 Boy Scout Home. Many meetings were held at the range when weather permitted.

April 1, 1953.

Clearing of the 18 point firing range was begun with as many as fifty interested persons contributing labor. The honeysuckle and scrub trees were cleared before Tits Mussier and his dozer graded and pushed up a

back stop and firing points for 50 and 100 yds. Later the range was lengthened to 200 yds.

The first match was held the middle of September with 62 targets sold @ \$.50.. Later on October 28, 42 targets were sold and the winning scores were from the Ephrata Rifle team which returned their winnings to our club.

The membership agreed to the guide lines of the National Rifle Association of America.

Dec. 1953. The club got the approval from the New Holland Fire Company to install an indoor range in the basement of the fire hall.

Aug. 1954.

The outdoor range has finally been completed with new target frames. A number of small bore and center fire matches were scheduled.

Dec. 1954

A number of our members have been shooting with the small bore Inter-County Rifle League. The New Holland Rifle & Pistol Club will host shoots for the Inter-County Rifle League on June 3 and August 12, 1956.

March 15, 1955.

A very thorough copy of Rules and Regulations for organizing a Junior Rifle Club were presented at this meeting. Included were age, dues, required thorough firearms instructions, range privileges and parental consent form.

March 23, 1955.

An old bakery wagon in good condition was purchased at a reasonable price for the storage of target frames etc.

Lancaster Rifle Club was given permission to use our outdoor range this summer.

June 28, 1955.

The first Inter County League match to be held July 24 on our outdoor range.

The Junior Club with eight members have completed three instruction classes. They are - Richard Boyer, Scott Diffenderfer, James Ressler, Larry Stone, Joey H. Quinn, Ray Duffy, Robert Foust and David Coy.

Nov. 22, 1955

Twelve members have indicated their interest in shooting indoor with the Ephrata Club which is actually the Northern Lancaster County Club. They are - LaVern Whitmer, George Bair, John Johnson, Scott Diffenderfer, Kermit Steffy, Larry Stone, John Sweigart, Galen Mosser, F. Jacobs, L. Hayward, James Frankhauser and R. Boyer.

Jan 24, 1956.

A demonstration on "Reloading the Metallic Cartridge" was presented by Leo Kilhefener in the Boy Scout home on Roberts Ave., New Holland. Folding chairs were borrowed from the Esbenshade Funeral Home.

April 24, 1956.

The New Holland Rifle & Pistol club hosted Inter County League shoots June 3 with the Lancaster Rifle Club and August 12 with the Northern Lancaster County Club or commonly called the Ephrata Rifle Club.

Aug. 21, 1956.

Decision was made to deposit \$150.00 in the New Holland Farmers National Bank savings account as a "sinking fund" for a new range facility.

Sept. 25, 1956

The club decided to prepare a window display during the coming New Holland Farmers Fair.

Nov. 26, 1956.

Club patches and NRA Junior Riflemen certificates were presented to 8 Junior members. They are Ronald Groff, Charles Speakman, Tom Speakman, Roney Supplee and Lee Weaver.

Nine members have signed up to shoot in the Inter County League this winter. They are - Bob Geary, Leon Hayward, John Johnson, Bill Kurtz, Jim Frankhauser, Galen Mosser, Kermit Steffy, John Sweigart and LaVern Whitmer;

Three more members have signed up to shoot as juniors. They are - Scott Diffenderfer, Larry Stone and Lee Weaver.

April 29, 1958

Leo. Kilhefener proposed that the club hold small bore shoots on every third Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. It was moved and seconded to purchase 15 medals to be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for the last five matches. The course of fire to be 30 shots, 50 yds--6 shots/bull. Scope and iron sights to be used and scored as per handicap system.

Jan 13, 1959.

The treasurer balance was \$435.24.

How to find available land for a new range was the topic of the day. John Sweigart has investigated quite a few areas at this time. They would have to be available for sale at a reasonable price and have a terrain oriented in the correct direction and have a minimum elevation compatible for the construction for a rifle range.

Feb. 1959

New Holland Fire Company is not happy with our having the indoor range on their property. The back stop was dismantled and the back stop steel was given to the Garden Spot High School for the construction of their range.

The land owner of our outdoor range request that no high power rifle shooting to be done on Sunday in the months of June, July and August.

Jan. 18, 1960.

The articles of Incorporation have been issued to the New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.

John Sweigart has investigated several areas for a possible new range. He presented an eight acre area on Meetinghouse Road that can be purchased for \$200.00. {\$25.00 acre} The area was approved for purchase and was the start of acquisition and swaps of acres to enlarge our boundaries to finally extend to the Gault Road and totals over 100 acres.

Jan. 1961.

By-laws were approved by the club. Meetings are being held in the Sportsman's Shop during the winter months.

March 21, 1961.

John Sweigart investigated the area adjacent to our present acreage and found a large area that the owners are unknown. We can enclose the area, pay the taxes for 21 years. If no one claims the area, we will acquire what is known as a "Quiet Title.". This area was obtained after the 21 years without any repercussion. Tits Musser will clear the area to 400 yds.

Feb. 20, 1962.

Annual dues held at \$3.00 and each member to purchase at least one share of stock for \$10.00.

March 20, 1962.

Club decided to join The Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association for the annual fee of \$2.50.

August 27, 1963.

Truck body for storage purchased from B Z Mellinger for \$100.00 with free delivery.

Jan. 17, 1967.

Meetings now being held at "Little Duchess Restaurant" on South Railroad Ave., New Holland.

June 18, 1968.

Approved that Hunter Safety course be held at New Holland Rifle & Pistol Club.

Oct. 15, 1968.

Active bids for club house received. No action taken.

Feb. 18, 1968.

Motion passed to purchase one car port to be erected over bench rest firing points.

March 21, 1972.

By-laws amended to state that the office of president could not be eligible for that office for more than five consecutive years. Changed from the three consecutive years previously stated.

Electric cable will be run to 100 yd. targets for night matches.

June 16, 1973.

Treasurer reported a total of \$5,332.00 with a total membership of 259..

Was agreed to extend range to 600 Yds. by Tits Mussier who has done all of the heavy ground moving since our organization.

Feb. 21, 1973.

Agreed to limit our membership to 250 even though there were applicants on the waiting list.

March 29, 1973.

Grading to 600 yds. has been completed and repairs have been made at 100 & 200 yd. firing points.

Sept. 18, 1973.

Agreed to purchase 5 acres of woodland east of our 200 to 600 yd. boundary for \$2100.00. Total land now at 47 1/2 acres.

Cement block toilet has been finished.

Sept. 16, 1975.

Membership has now been extended to 300 members.

Hunter Safety Course was combined with New Holland Rod & Gun Club with 61 applicants attending from far away as Columbia, Honey Brook and Elverson.

Oct. 21, 1975.

A three day police training course was in progress at our range. Police

from New Holland and North East Lancaster County were instructed by FBI personnel.

April 7, 1976.

It is interesting to note that our club was interested in obtaining 8.5 acres across Meeting House Road at a rate of \$2200.00 per acre. J & J Builders purchased the land for \$22,000.00 and planned to build five houses.

It was reported that the truck body was broken into and all of the wire used for portable lighting for night matches was stolen.

April 20, 1976.

Letters were sent to Chief of Police of Earl, E. Earl, Caernovon Twps. and the boroughs of Ephrata, New Holland and Lititz giving officers permission to use our range for target practice. After one year of probation, permission was extended permanently. Copies of the range rules were sent to each police department. The Ephrata State Police have also been included in this group.

Treasury balance was now at \$10,169.00.

Sept. 21, 1976.

A local and neighboring police training course will be conducted by the F.B.I. at our range next month October 18, 19 & 20, 1976..

Oct. 5, 1976.

Dues structure for annual and life membership are as follows.

<u>Annual</u>	<u>Life</u>	
1 Yr. \$10.00	Under 40 yrs.	\$200.00
2 Yrs. 19.00	40 to 50 yrs.	175.00
3 yrs. 27.00	50 to 60 yrs.	150.00
5 yrs. 40.00	60 and over	100.00

April 19, 1977.

The F.B.I. will conduct a police training course at our range June 14, 15 & 16, 1977.

Sept. 20, 1977.

Membership is now extended to 400 members.

Feb. 21, 1978.

Club completed purchase of 7.9 acres from the L& H property for \$9,000.00, {\$1,139.00 acre}

April 17, 1979

4.5 acres have been purchased from the Sweigart and Oberholtzer tracks for {\$2,000.00 and #1,300.00 respectively} to be equally swapped for

equal acreage with the New Holland Boro Authority for land beyond the 600 yrd. range which will be to our benefit and safety.

Aug. 19, 1980.

Purchased large truck trailer body for storage in the amount of \$2,500.00.

June 16, 1981.

The board of directors of The New Holland Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc. deemed it advisable and advantageous to amend the Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of compliance with all regulations of the Internal Revenue code concerning tax exempt organizations.

Show purpose for which corporation is to be formed.

1. All the reasons to organize a shooting club.
- 2 No member shall benefit from the income of the corporation except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered.
3. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year as directed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
4. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, any remaining assets and property of the corporation to be distributed to the National Rifle Association of America.

Oct. 15, 1982.

20 acres of woodland beyond our 600 yd. area extending to the Gault Road was purchased Oct. 2, 1982, from the New Holland Boro Authority for the sum of \$40,000.00. {\$2,000.00 acre}

In order to swing this purchase, the club had to borrow \$30,000.00 from the New Holland Farmer's Bank at an interest rate of 14% for ten years with the option of paying additional amounts on the principle at anytime.

To help this financial burden, the annual dues were increased to \$15.00. In addition, it was suggested that members could invest in additional shares of stock or make a loan in increments of \$500.00 and receive 10% interest to be paid annually. Notes would be paid back on a lottery basis as the club acquired the funds over a minimum of 10 years.

Jan, 18, 1983.

The 30 acres that the club claimed from unknown ownership has been in our possession for more than the required 21 years and is now legal.

Feb. 18, 1983.

A total of \$20,000.00 has been received from the members which made it possible to reduce the bank loan to \$10,000.00.

May 17, 1983.

The bank loan was completely paid on April 26, 1983. {\$4,000.00 principle, \$52.85 Interest}

A motion was passed to employ the Lancaster County Deputy Sheriffs as instructors for a hand gun safety course as a follow up to the courses instructed by our members.

March 20, 1984.

Thirty six shooters participated in the silhouette shoot, this being the 3rd. season.

July 17, 1984.

On July 13, 43 shooters participated in the small bore match. A perfect score was shot by 74 year old Harry Palmer.

March 19, 1985.

March 9, the shelter was built for the pistol range. Another pistol training course will be held May 18, 1985.

Aug., 19, 1986.

To this date, \$3,000.00 has been borrowed from club members at 7%. \$7,000.00 more has been promised when needed.

Oct. 21, 1986.

Discussion was held on the possibility of creating a 1000 yd range. Difficulties with the proposal would require raising the firing point between 20 & 50 ft. high and target mounds approximately 35 ft. high unless considerable excavating was done from 400 to 600 yds.

Jan. 20, 1987.

A motion was made to exchange 3 acres of our land for 4 acres of the Reed property near the 600 yd. target area. Our 3 acres of land would come from the former Heisler tract and provide an access area for Mr. Reed along the Marshall tract extending to the Meeting House Road.

Feb. 17, 1987.

The first bowling pin match is scheduled for April t, 1987.

The 600 yd range is completed and the first match to be held March 26 with the University Rifle Club.

A number of \$500.00 units of loans has been periodically been paid.

Oct. 20, 1987

Meeting for January, February and March will be held at Power Pro. Annual dues were raised to \$20.00 and also to be applied to multiple year payment members and that amount to be applied to a building fund.

Oct. 18, 1988.

Membership was increased from 500 to 600.

Jan. 17, 1989.

John Sweigart presented a very detailed map with advantages and disadvantages in order to proceed with action for a 1000 yd. range. Trees were cut on the line of sight with estimates for the height of a firing point and targets at the 1000 yd range as discussed on October 21, 1986.

Excavation estimate for a 1000 yd. by 80 foot wide would cost \$29,640.00. Considering the estimated income and the cost of the project didn't outweigh the advantages.

It should be known that John Sweigart has researched most of the plots of land attached to the area of our original purchase. Recommendations for purchases were made to acquire or swap land to our advantage. He was awarded a life time membership for his efforts.

Oct. 17, 1989.

Sight-in days as well as a running deer shoot have been successful since the early days of the club but will be discontinued this year due to lack of attendance last year.

High power shoots have been continued to be successful since the completion of the 600 yd range complete with pits and counter balanced target frames.

April 17, 1990.

All debts and loans have been paid in March, 1990.

July 12, 1990.

Annual dues are being raised to \$30.00 for the calendar year of 1991.

Treasurer will begin reporting financial report to I. R. S. annually by May 15.

Nov. 16, 1990.

Dues structure for annual and life membership are as follows:

Annual

1 Yr. \$30.00
2 yrs. 55.00
3 yrs. 60.00
5 yrs. 120.00

Life

Under 40 yrs.	\$600.00
40 to 50 yrs.	540.00
50 to 60 yrs.	450.00
60 and over	300.00

July 24, 1991.

A special exception has been granted by Salisbury Township to construct a club house in our open Space District.

Oct. 15, 1991.

The club approved plans to build a club house that would include an indoor range and meeting room to cost about \$125,000.00 and will be based upon plans submitted by Ron Schmehl.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$48,269.00.

March, 1992.

Congressman Schultz has donated \$10,000 to our club from the winning of a fishing contest to be used for the restoration and renovation of our facilities.

July, 1992.

Salisbury township has approved the land development plan prepared by Rank & Lake Surveyors.

Sept. 1992.

The idea of deeding the club property to the Lancaster County Conservancy in the event the club disbands has been abandoned because of the excessive "red tape" involved in the agreement. At present, the land would be deeded to the National Rifle Association of America when and if the club would disband.

Jan. 1993..

The Lancaster County Planning Commission has approved the club house plans.

March, 1993

Bilran Excavating has been awarded the contract for the site preparation in the amount of \$23,950.00 after approval by the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

June, 1993.

Excavation started June 16, to prepare land for club house.

The Sportsman's Shop proposed to refund 5% of purchases by club members from July 27, 1993, through the month of August, 1993, to the building fund.

Aug., 1993.

Construction contract for club house has been awarded to Weaver Construction Company in the amount of \$102,500.00. This amount does not include work to be done to the construction site, driveway, drilling a well and instillation of a sewer system.

Sept. 1993

Club house construction was started week of Sept. 24, 1993.

Mortgage loans from members were approved to be 6% for blocks of \$500.00. To extend to 6 yrs. or less with repayment by drawing.

Feb. 1994

Club house has been completed. Three wall storage units and a desk were donated by Yerger Bros. of Lititz, Pa.

Feb. 1995

Escalator type bullet trap and target hangers have been completed for eleven shooting points. Indoor small bore rifle practice has started.

March 1995

A U.S. and State flag have been received and installed in the club house room.

The recording secretary made application with the NRA Association for membership in their NRA membership program that would return to our club \$10.00 for every new membership and \$5.00 for every renewal membership our club sells. Our affiliate club recruiter Number is C010654J and must be placed on each membership and renewal form in order for the club to receive this rebate.

May 1995

Member and coordinator for the DCM program of the Lower Providence Rod and Gun Club requested the use of a range for DCM matches.

Range was requested for July 2, and September 3, for the 100 yd range. Next match is scheduled for Dec. 3, 1995.

Feb. 1996.

DCM schedule of events was presented for the remaining part of the year. The recording secretary has entered an appeal to Lancaster County for a tax reassessment without any success. An appeal for Act 319 {Clean & Green} application for relief has been made.

Sept. 1996

Our application for Act 319 {Clean & Green} tax treatment was approved. We will receive a notification of our reassessment in the future and will affect our 1997 taxes.

Feb. 1997

Board of Assessment appeals have replied with a new assessment including land & buildings to be \$286,200.00 vs. previous assessment was totaled at \$531,200.00.

March 1997

DCM matches have been scheduled for the first Sunday of each month for M1 Rifle & M1 Carbine.

A new and interesting type of shooting will take place on July 27, August 24 and September 28. These will be cowboy matches utilizing pistol, rifle and shotgun. All participants will have an alias name and dress accordingly.

Nov. 1997

Motion was passed to provide up to \$13,000.00 of club funds toward the preparation and operation of the "Amish Country Classic" to be held April 24-26, 1998.

The club house was broken into with damage to the soda machine and graffiti written on the walls. Our insurance covered the damage. Decision was made to install steel bars on the outside of the windows.

May 1998

The Amish Country Classic was one of the largest and most successful events held at our range. There were two manufacturing representatives demonstrating their products. There were 95 pin shooters, 29 major companies and 4 dealers represented. Income totaled \$19,000.00

Dec. 1998

The DCM has been renamed CMP for "Ben Franklin's 111th Civilian Associators" which is a name with some historical significance.

Jan. 1999.

Hunter Safety Course has been scheduled for May 21, 22, 1999.

Amish Country Classic requested \$11,000. for operating expenses to be held April 23, 24 & 25, 1999. No manufacture representatives or demonstrations will be present this year. Shooters will compete for \$25,000. worth of firearms and merchandise prizes in 13 scheduled events.

May, 1999.

Amish Country Classic was held with 84 competitors. Gross receipts were \$17,637.00 with a net of \$3,463.00 as of this date. There are some

unpaid expensed and some items that need to be disposed of. 249 prizes were awarded.

May 9, Cowboy shoot had 30 competitors.

The estate of Ivan K. Longenderfer has willed \$1,000.00 to New Holland Rifle & Pistol Club.

June, 1999.

The CMP program continues monthly with the attendance varying from 9 in the cold months to 26 shooters in the warmer months.

High Power matches continue to be successful with an average of 50 shooters.

Tires on the 200 yd. impact range area caught fire from some unknown reason. White Horse and Blue Ball Fire Companies responded. A donation of \$50.00 was send to each organization.

July, 1999.

Final profits from the Amish Country Classic were \$3,525.00.

Sept. 1999.

The Cowboy shoot held August 22 had 44 shooters.

The State Championship High Power had 65 competitors.

The small bore matches held indoor and outdoor seem to continue to appeal and held shooters interest.

Oct. 1999.

Driveway grading and paving has been completed at a cost of \$2,650.00.

Jan. 2000.

The request from the pistol committee for \$1,299.00 to be used for targets and timers was approved.

The recording secretary has the responsibility for originating the club news letters that include news of member interest including the schedule of events for the coming year. News letters are scheduled to be sent in the spring. Other important information may be required to be forwarded to the members any time throughout the year.

May, 2000.

Huber front end loader tractor was purchased for \$5,500.00;.

Nov. 2000.

The advancement of \$7,000.00 for the Amish Country Classic to be held June 1, 2 & 3, 2001 was approved.

\$1,600.00 was approved for the construction of eight archery targets to be used on the indoor range.

Feb. 23, 2001,

A parcel of land to the east of our boundary and owned by Jeffery R. Wallace is available for sale. The club has sent an offer of \$28,000.00 for the 18.8 acres.

June, 2001.

The expenditure of \$3,900.00 to be used to blacktop the parking lot, clubhouse walkway, trailer entrance and upper pistol range firing point was approved.

Aug. 2001.

A calculation error was made by the club for the paving of the parking lot that resulted in an increase cost to total \$7,838.75 instead of the \$3,900.00. originally stated.

Oct. 2001.

The steel matches for 2001 generated \$1,607.34.

July, 2002.

The pistol committees recommendations for improvements to the lower pistol ranges have been approved in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Oct. 2002.

Release of liability forms will be required from each police group using the range in the future. Recording Secretary to retain copies.

Jan. 2003.

East Lampeter Police Department as well as other police groups continue to schedule dates for training or qualification on our ranges.

Feb. 2003.

A motion was made to make "The Friends of the NRA" annual banquet a yearly expense for the New Holland Rifle & Pistol Club. In order to promote this annual banquet, two paid tickets for the banquet will be selected from the raffle tickets signed by members attending the meetings throughout the previous year.

This being the 50th anniversary of the clubs organization, four of the original 28 charter members still belonging to the club were present. They were-Therin Kreider, William M. Kurtz, Galen Mosser and John Sweigart . In the past years, pistol shooters from Sperry New Holland Manufacturing Company has held pistol competition matches on our range Mondays, April, May and June from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. The NH {New Holland} logo has now changed to CNH {CaseNewHolland} and they continue to reserve the above schedule for their matches.

Sept. 2003.

Annual dues have been raised to \$40.00.

Oct. 2003.

Dues structure for annual and life membership as follows.

<u>Annual</u>	<u>Life</u>	
1Yr. \$40.00	Under 40 yrs.	\$800.00
2yrs 70.00	40 to 50 yrs.	600.00
3yrs 110.00	50 to 60 yrs.	550.00
5yrs. 160.00	over 60 yrs.	400.00

Property assessment has not been changed by Lancaster County Assessment Office.

Land	\$320.000.
Buildings	211.000.
Total	531.000.

Jan. 2004.

Membership Chairman reported annual 783, life 54, junior 10, total 847.

April 2004.

Total property assessment has increased from \$531,000. to \$792,300 for 2005 assessed value.

Clean and Green values were established back in Sept. 16, 2003 and have remained the same until June 1, 2004.

Clean and Green values

Land	\$ 70,100.
Buildings	211,200.
Total	281,200.

Current Clean and Green value for 2005 will be \$364,400.

July, 2004

Pin tables were sold to Palmyra Club for \$300.00 each.

Aug. .17, 2004.

Outside electrical improvements have been awarded to B & I Electric, Inc. Blue Ball in the amount of \$11,604.00.

Sept. 2004.

The co-organizer of this club, John W. Sweigart died August 30, 2004, at the age of 100. He served as president for two terms in 1968 & 1969 and as recording secretary from 1970 to 1984.

Feb. 2005

Membership total now at 810.

By-laws Article V Section E was changed to raise cap on unapproved expenditures from \$250.00 to \$500.00. However; the expenditure will require the approval verbally by an elected or appointed officer or member of the Board of Directors.

April, 2005

Executive Committee and club approved the expenditure of \$13,500.00 for the construction and installation of 12 bench rests, concrete pads and roofs at three locations. Voganville Masonry for concrete work and SMS Builders for benches and roof.

Sept. 2005

The Robert M. Reed Estate property {18.8 Acres} borders on our east boundary and will be auctioned Oct. 6, 2005.

Oct. 4, 2005.

A special meeting was held with 32 members present and approved to have the President be present at the auction and bid on the property in the name of the club.

Oct. 18, 2005

The President reported that the adjacent property sold at auction for \$206,000.00 {\$10,957.00/acre}

Bob Gibilisco was given the authority to set up a web site with a web address of www.nhrpc.org At a cost of \$120.00/year.

Dec. 2005.

CMP. Plan to continue on 2nd Saturday during 2005. Motion made and approved to have Lower Providence continue to run the matches in 2006 and New Holland to consider taking over the matches in 2007 with the same format as currently used.

Feb. 2006

A committee of seven New Holland Rifle & Pistol Club members were appointed to evaluate the takeover of the CMP match program.

Three Inter-County League outdoor prone small bore evening matches are scheduled for . 5/12, 7/21, & 8/25 at 6:00 PM.

Fourteen applications for memberships were approved. Prospective new members continue to make application to the club.

March 21, 2006

Two steel pistol matches are scheduled for Sunday, the second weekend of May & June. Start times are 900 hrs & 1300 hrs.

Two high power shoots are scheduled for April 22 & 23rd.

Three small bore matches were scheduled for the New Holland indoor range on 2/24, 3/3 & 3/19.

CNH Pistol League requested again to use our upper range on Monday evenings from 1600 hrs to 1800 hrs. April 3 through June 19, 2006.

Request approved.

Next work day will be March 25, 2006, and Paul Irvin will have a back hoe and skid steer loader available. He has supplied other much needed machines in the past in cooperation with Power Pro with which he is associated.

April, 2006

Twenty members participated in the work day March 25, 2006.

A neighbor on our western boundary has 26.3 acres for sale for \$375,000.00 It was moved to have the plot evaluated.

May, 2006.

Current treasurer reported a total of \$67,367.21.

Competition in various areas have remained good.

CMP had 17 competitors plus 2 Jrs. and 2 new shooters.

April match was curtailed due to rain. 50 competitors are pre-registered for the May big bore match.

Small bore had 24 competitors for the 100 yd night match.

Hot water heater was replaced by a club member for about one half of the amount quoted by a local company. Total \$314.03 plus \$65.00 for parts.

June, 2006

Pistol match had 54 entries not mentioned in last months report.

The committee studying the future of the CMP matches now being conducted by the Lower Providence Gun Club could not reach an agreement.

Motion was made to purchase an address label writer and supplies as requested by the membership secretary.

August, 2006

It was moved and approved to require all members to wear their membership ID cards while on the range starting when the next year renewals become affective April 1, 2007..

Sept. 2006

Motion was approved to attend the auction Oct. 18th for the 26.3 acres which lies west of our boundary.

By-law changes will no longer be required for approval by the National Rifle Association of America. Future approval will continue to be required by the membership of the New Holland Rifle & Pistol Club.

Oct. 3, 2006

Moved to attend the auction for the 26.3 acres and bid up to \$160,000.00 plus costs .

Nov. 2006

CMP had 15 competitors and 1 Jr.

October was last High Power match with 39 shooters over 2 days. 600 yd prone match on Saturday. Regular match was held on Sunday.

Small bore-Inter County league night match was held with 20 shooters.

Regular Inter County league match was defaulted by the competition.

New Holland Air Rifle match had 13 shooters. This is the first report for Air Rifle competition although it has been in operation for over a year. Air rifle competition is shot at 10 meters over three courses of fire on the indoor range.

Land purchase of 26.3 acres has been acquired for the limited amount of \$160,000.00, {\$6,084.00 acre} A parcel of the 26.3 acres is at present subdivided and a motion has been made to sell this 7.3 acres of the subdivided area because of its unusual boundaries and would not be beneficial to our purpose and boundary.

Request was received from Garden Spot High School Rifle Team to use our range as they have inadequate facilities at school and desire to expose the team members to other facets of the shooting sport.

CMP matches will be run by the New Holland Rifle & Pistol Club starting 2007, at 9:15 A.M. to noon on the second Saturday of each month.

Dec. 2006.

New Holland Rifle & Pistol air rifle and Inter County league matches were held with 12 shooters each.

New property was settled and monthly payment to loan will be \$1,385.00.

It was approved to increase the initiation fee to \$60.00 effective Jan. 1, .2007. Annual dues will increase to at least \$50.00 effective in 2008.

A letter will be created by the president and vice-president to notify the membership about the land purchase. The letter will include ideas for paying down the debt and request other suggestions.

J. Galen.Mosser

June 25, 2007 .

All successful organizations require a group of officers who control the actions and record the activities. The offices and duties of president, recording secretary and treasurer are commonly known.

The duties of the recording secretary originally included the recording of membership dues and their mailing addresses. In 1983, when this list approached 500, it became too much of a burden for the recording secretary and the membership secretary was appointed.

Presidents

Galen Mosser	1953-1955
George Bair	1956-1957
Leo Kelhefner	1958-1967
John Sweigart	1968-1969
Dick Eitnier	1970-1972
Walter Wunderly	1973-1975
Gilbert Lytle	1976
William Johnson	1977
Robert L. Tshudy	1978-1982
Ed. Walton	1983
Robert L. Tshudy	1984
Paul Irvin	1985-1989
Ron Schmehl	1990-1996
Paul Irvin	1997-2002
Scott Roberts	2003-2005
Mike Keretzman	2006-

Recording Secretaries

William W Kurtz	1953-1954
LaVern Whitmer	1955
John Johnson	1956-1957
William W. Kurtz	1958-1965
VanLeer Hoffman	1966
Harold Bair	1967
Wayne Driscoll	1968-1969
John Sweigart	1970-1983
Jim Mackey	1984-7/1986
John Sweigart	8/1986-12/1986
Thomas Millard	1987-1989
Paul Irvin	1990
Don Misselhorn	1991-

Treasurers

Robert Plank	1953-1955
Galen Mosser	1956-2004
Paul Irvin	2005-2006
Nate Gruteluesclen	2007-

Membership Secretaries

Jim Landis	1983-7/1985
Jim Mackey	8/1985-12/1985
Michael Boley	1986-7/2007
Nancy Bickings	8/2007-

A great number of our charter members were employees of the New Holland Machine Company in New Holland. A feature story was written with photos in the "New Holland Line", a house organ published by New Holland Machine Company. This article published in September and October, 1954, acknowledged the accomplishments in clearing the land and building a 50, 100 & 200 yd. rifle and pistol range in eighteen months.

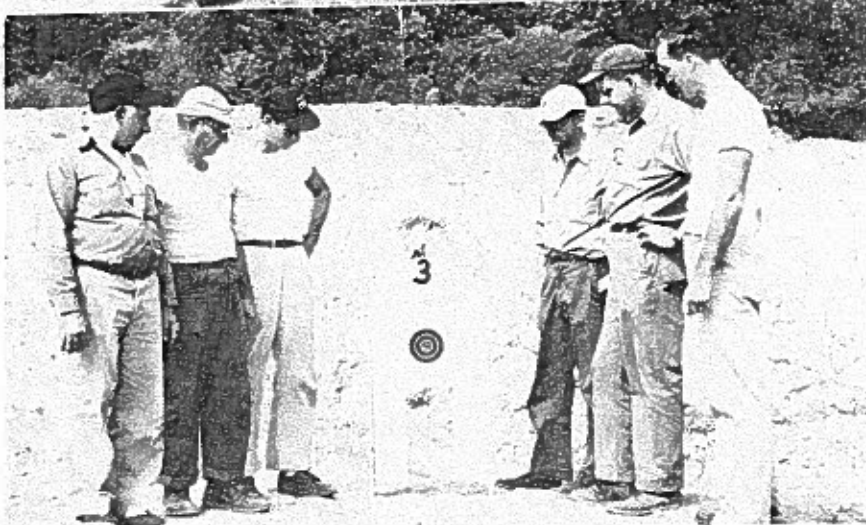
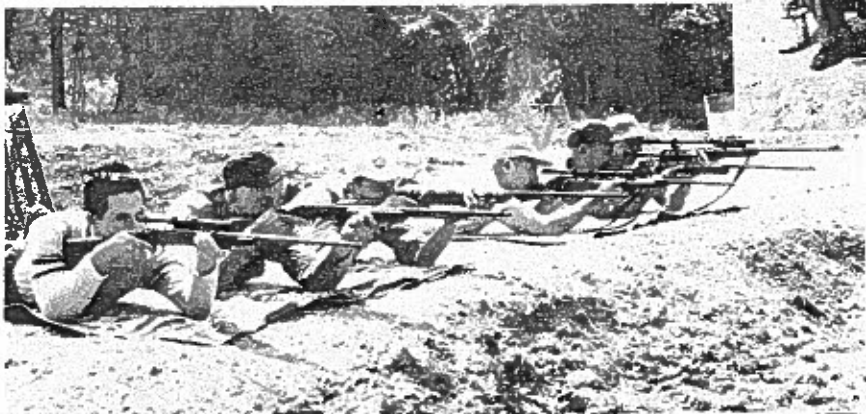
Employees Active in New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club

September, 1954



Pictured above at the September 26 shoot of the New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club are (left to right) standing: Lennart Hinriksson (home on furlough from the armed forces), Raymond Miller, Ed. Frankhouser, Sr., Ira Musser, Robert Diller, Jim Frankhouser, George Bair, John Weber and Galen Mosser, and front row: Henry Templeton, Ed Whiteman, Carman Capatch, Earl Frank, Raymond Martin, Willis Diem, Jack Rutter, and Ed Frankhouser.

At the left (top and center) the groups testing their skill with small bore rifles from the 50-yard firing point are (left to right): Carman Capatch, Ed Whiteman, Ed Frankhouser, Raymond Miller, Henry Templeton, Ira Musser, John Weber, Raymond Martin, George Bair, Galen Mosser and Earl Frank. Below: Ed Whiteman, Raymond Miller, Earl Frank, Ed Frankhouser, John Weber and Galen Mosser check the results of the first round of firing.



Twenty-eight of our men are actively engaged in the affairs of the New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club, organized last spring, to give members a chance to improve their skill in the use of small bore rifles and pistols, and to later enter intra-county competition.

Leasing a tract of woodland a half mile west of Springville, on the Peter's Road, and along the south side of the Welsh Mountain, the group has carved itself a model rifle and pistol range, declared to be one of the finest in this section of the state, and has already staged several interesting shoots.

Boasting twelve firing points at distances of 50, 100, and 200 yards, and facing directly north, the range has a perfect setup, in view of the fact that it necessitates no firing into the sun at any time of day. Targets are placed at two levels with twelve-foot earth backstops, and gunracks and other facilities add much to make the range a popular spot for lovers of the sport.

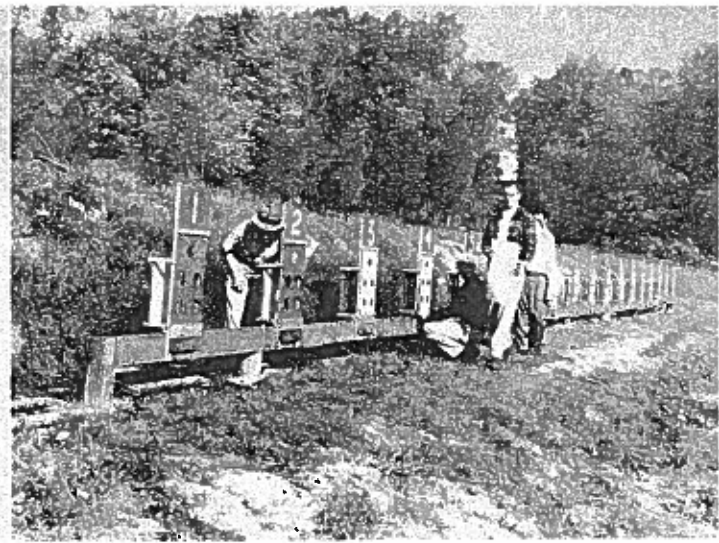
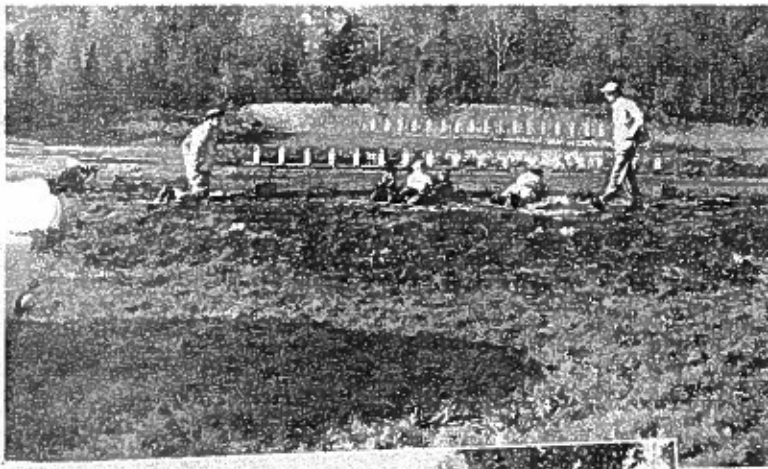
The club is planning an invitation shoot for large game hunters before the opening of the 1953 deer season, providing hunters with an opportunity to brush up on their marksmanship before invading

the deer country. The group is also considering opening an indoor range for the winter provided space can be secured, where they plan to instruct those youths of the town who are interested, in the handling and firing of small bore weapons.

However, should no local site for an indoor range be available, the club has been invited to cooperate with the Ephrata Club, sharing the range in the basement of the Ephrata High School for winter meets, and the Welsh Mountain range during the summer.

While the club has an active membership list of 43, it lists 27 associate members, of which 17 are employees of this company.

Heading the group is Galen Mosser, as president; George Bair, vice president; Bill Kurtz, secretary, and Bob Plank, treasurer.



Company's 'Dead-Eye Dicks' Display Their Prowess on the Rifle Range

For a real hobby, they tell us, there's nothing quite like an active membership in the New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club, which draws many of its "shooting fans" from the ranks of New Holland Machine Company employees. A number of whom are shown in these pictures taken recently at the club's range, near Springville, Pennsylvania.

Top pictures show the rifle range with its beautiful mountain background, as well as one of its two batteries of targets, which permit marksmen to shoot at distances of fifty or one hundred yards from the same firing point. At the left a group of shooting enthusiasts line up for a picture before getting down to some real trigger work. They are (left to right): Galen Mosser, president of the club, Walter Fisher, George Bair, Kermit Steffy, LaVerne Whitmer, John Sweigart and James Frankhouser.

Below: George Bair points to a pair of 5-10x scopes, which mean that he has placed five bullets in succession squarely in the inner circle of the target. Top target is for sighting only and does not figure in final scores. As a result of their ability with a rifle Messrs. Mosser, Bair, Steffy, and Sweigart are invited to participate with the Ephrata team of the Inter-County Small Bore League in its regularly scheduled matches, and have been turning in some fine scores. Bottom: Sweigart and Steffy use spotting scopes to check their targets while match is still in progress.



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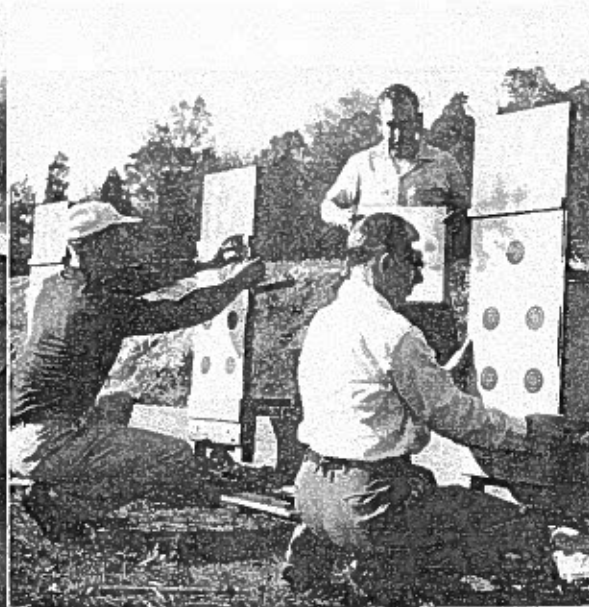


In an effort to help our entire sales force to do a better job of planning in all phases of their work, the company launched its 1955 series of Sales Forums recently with a week's meeting for its Regional Sales Managers. These forums will continue during December and January until every member of the sales group has been carefully briefed on problems they may face in the year ahead.

Harry Hepner, head of the Department of Psychology, at Syracuse University, meets for one day with each group to conduct a discussion on understanding the personalities of dealers. Sam Caplan, Conference

Leader Specialist of Temple University, also plays an important role in the success of the forums with a series of adult training programs. Jeff Coats, Sales Training Director at New Holland, conducts the majority of the forum meetings.

Pictured above as they enjoy a "coffee break" at the initial meeting of the series are (left to right): Standing—Kon Kellner, George Healey, Art Morgan, Elmer Delp, Dee Ward, Bert Jenkins, Everett Brown, Ed Hais, Ed Kelley, Bob Winstead, Woody Browning, Dick Warfel, Dick Reid, Dick Lamb, Tom Beaver, Jeff Coats and Jack Sheaffer, and seated: Bill Dughi and Sam Caplan.



Above: George Bair, Galen Mosser and John Sweigart set up their targets, and left and right Galen and John prove their fine shooting ability.

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