



R3 News

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The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife's R3 Program will provide monthly newsletters jam-packed with upcoming events, conservation news, division staff & mentor highlights, and resources to promote your hunting, fishing, and/ or shooting sport participation.

September Events:

Public Land Etiquette: Deer Hunting Edition Webinar offered to all new and veteran public land deer hunters. On September 9, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, R3 Program Staff will be discussing 10 tips to help guide you through public land hunting. Click [HERE](#) to register!

End of Summer Youth Trap Shoot is a free event offered to youths (ages 10-16) and their parents or legal guardians (18 years old and older) to try their hand at trap shooting. No experience is necessary, and firearms can be provided upon request. Registration and more information can be found [HERE](#). Spots are limited. Register today!

Intro to Small Game Workshop is offered to new and beginner hunters interested in a full day, in person small game hunting workshop with mentored squirrel hunt to follow. There are only 10 spots available. Registration closes September 3, 2021. View more information [HERE](#).

More events can be found below!
[NJOP & R3 Events](#)

When was the last time you cleaned your firearm?

We're all guilty. Used hard, put away dirty, random regret and sudden urge to clean every firearm in the safe. Read below to find out how you can keep your firearm in tip top shape for generations to come.

How often should you clean your gun?

Ideally, you should clean your gun after each day of use. Sometimes this is not practical, so the rule of thumb is to never discharge a firearm that hasn't been cleaned after prolonged storage. So, what does this mean for the weekend pheasant hunter? Or the average turkey hunter? If you forget to clean your gun after a season is over, take the time to prep pre-season. It could save you a few fingers. Accumulated moisture or dirt could affect the gun's performance or worse, could be hazardous.

What to use:

Breaking down and cleaning your firearm may be a daunting task, but new innovative tools and supplies have made it easier than ever before!

Cleaning Rod with Attachments allows you to reach inside the barrel and remove dirt and residue with a number of different attachments; cloth swab, patch holder, and wire brush.

Bore Snake is an all-in-one cleaning machine. This is not suggested to use before prolonged storage. Bore ropes feature enough material to complete the initial swab, wire brushing, and final swab in just one pull of a rope.

Gun Cleaning Solvent's are used to break down the carbon fouling, copper, lead, unburned powder, and other debris that can get stuck on or in your firearm.

August Photos:



Pictured Above: R3 Mentor, Ray Sebrowski working with Marty Mizenko (participant).

Pictured Right: Maria Testa (participant) and Bob Harrigan (R3 Mentor) pose for picture after finding out they went to the same high school.



Pictured Above: R3 Mentor George Bond and Cristina Jones (participant) work on pointing and aiming at the target

Program Announcements:



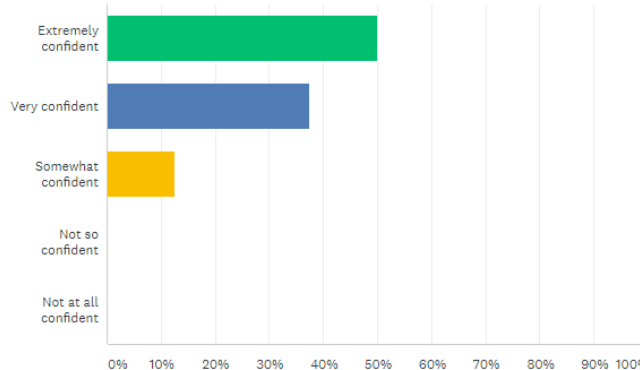
The TAK Youth Pheasant Hunt Registration will open September 6, 2021 and can be accessed on the **Division's website**. This free event is offered to ALL youth hunters in 8 locations throughout the state, held on October 30, 2021.

Past Event Stats

Sixteen Participants attended the most recent Free Instructional Trap Shooting event at the Mallard Trap Club in Monroe Township on August 21, 2021.

R3 Mentors worked one-on-one with participants on firearm safety, handling, and shooting. Each participant and mentor left that day with a new learned skill or an advancement on their current skills.

Surveyed participants stated they felt somewhat confident to extremely confident to go recreational target shooting on their own following this event.



Monthly Fun Fact:

The Pittman-Robertson Act was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on September 2, 1937. This act officially know as the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, commandeers an existing 11-percent excise tax on rifles, shotguns, and ammunition, and a 10-percent tax on pistols. The act has earmarked this money for the Department of the Interior and its wildlife preservations efforts.

What can you do to support R3?

We challenge every outdoor enthusiast to make R3 a priority and commit yourself to this idea that, the species we must strive to conserve are hunters and anglers. Introduce someone new to target shooting, hunting, or fishing. It only takes a moment, to make a moment!

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