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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President

Another fishing season is here already I would like to thank Brock Williams and his entire committee for another Great AI Stair Fishing contest. I'm sure everyone thought the weather was better than last year.

The kids will be out of school by the time everyone reads this newsletter. Why not make plans to bring them to the club this summer? There are a number of activities you can do to spend more time with them. Think back to when you were a kid - remember how much fun you had with your father or uncle shooting .22 rifles or clay targets or doing archery? It was the highlight of your summer vacation. The ranges are here for you to use. If you come down during the day you'll find there is often nobody here. You'll have the place to yourself. Or come down on Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings to shoot trap. Your kids will always remember the time you spent together. It will be a benefit to everyone to expose your kids to firearms and firearm safety. Hopefully it will become a lifelong hobby for them.

The board is planning a number

of club improvements for this year. We will be hiring contractors for the major items. We are planning a major work party for later in the summer but there are a number of odd jobs that need to be done on a routine basis.

Please contact me if you are interested in lending a hand.

See you at the club,
Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L.

The NRA outdoor bullseye matches are in full swing. A small group of LVPRL team members traveled to Branch Valley Sportsmen's Club for a team competition and then the following month LVPRL hosted their team. I am proud to say we came in 1st place both times; we hope to continue more team shoots this summer. The LVPRL is having our family picnic and fun shoot on Saturday July 25, starting at 10:00 am. The picnic will start after the shoot. Please sign up at the indoor range on Wednesday nights. The league is having a great turn out on Wednesday's. Try to come early so you can sign in to have a spot on the shooting line. The league has shirts for sale, in both blue and pink at the range.

We also have a ladies team to challenge the men's team, good luck to both teams.

Shoot Safe,
Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

Support Our Troops

Hellertown Sportsmen's Association Supports Our Troops. Recycle those Sportsmen's magazines by dropping them off in the green tub in our club house. We also take all those little travel cosmetics and baby wipes and beef jerky and granola bars. Think packable! Anyone who might know someone serving, please give us their full name & address and approximate length of deployment and we will ship them free care packages during their service. Thank you HSA and God Bless our men & women serving, their families and America.

Any questions contact Blair or Valerie Ferguson @ 610-438-8885.

Club and Range Closings

All Ranges Closed
Third Tuesday of Month 7:30 pm
During Monthly Membership Meeting
Rifle Range Closed
Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Every Thursday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
During Trap Shooting Sessions

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Range Hours and Rules

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM Every Day

Use of Ranges Limited to Members Only

When using any of our outdoor ranges you must have your membership card visible.

Due to insurance requirements and liability issues guests are not permitted to use the facilities except for organized events.

Members who permit guests to use the ranges will immediately lose their membership for a minimum of one year.

Guests may observe but under no circumstance may participate or take an active role in use of the ranges.

USE PAPER TARGETS ONLY

After shooting, please take off all used targets and pick up your spent brass.

Observe all club/gun safety rules printed on the back of your membership card and also posted at the ranges. You will lose your membership privileges for not obeying the rules.

Calendar of Events

Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM

Action Pistol

1st, 4th, & 5th Tuesday - 6:00 PM
Ken Ortbach 908-310-2079

L.V.P.R.L. Bullseye

Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Chuck Adams 610-252-3169

Hellertown Archers

Mon. Morning & Evening during Winter
Wed. & Fri. League 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Lou Bove 610-865-5857
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Mondays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Don Jenny 610-691-1903

Trap Shooting

Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Thursdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Rich Geyer 610-838-8908

2015 Firearms Training Schedule

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
(One day program)
Saturday, August 29, 2015
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

For further information on any of these courses, contact John Meka,
NRA Certified Instructor at
484-716-0282 ~ john.meka@gmail.com

Concealed Carry Level I
(One and a Half Day program)
Sundays, June 7 & 14, 2015
Saturdays, September 19 & 26, 2015

Concealed Carry Level II
(Two day program)
Dates To Be Announced

Introduction to Handgun for Women
(Two Half Days program)
Sundays, July 26 & August 9, 2015
Saturdays, October 3 & 10, 2015

Threat Judgment
(Two Half Days program)
Sundays, November 8 & 15, 2015
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For further information on any of these courses, contact Paul Piscator,
S&W Certified Instructor at
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Geyer's Corner

As JFK's Secretary of State Dean Rusk was in France in the early 60's when DeGaulle decided to pull out of NATO, DeGaulle said he wanted all US military out of France as soon as possible. Rusk responded, "Does that include those that are buried here?" You could have heard a pin drop.

A US Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception that included personnel from most of those countries, everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks. But a French Admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?" Without hesitating the American Admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies, and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German." Could of heard a pin drop. Those two stories should be etched in every American's mind.

Since I'm writing this on Memorial Day weekend, it is time to re-teach some history that the younger generation apparently isn't aware of; although I must point out that the gathering at the Hellertown Cemetery was well attended.

The coach of the athletic department of the local high school was called by an irate mother when she asked, "What sort of hoodlums do you have in your swimming group? They are stealing my kid's towels!" The coach asked if she could describe these stolen towels; She replied, "Well yeah, they had Holiday Inn printed on them."

The final proof of greatness lies in being able to endure criticism without resentment. Elbert Hubbard

Getting ready to do some lake fishing and I just happened to wonder why no one has ever boxing lessons for yellow perch. (Geyer original like deodorant for stink bugs. Or handles for pot holes?)

The opening trap shoot at Elysburg was held recently, truly a fine trapshooting range...imagine 32, yes 32 trap houses in a row like they were lined up with a lazer gun. Then, at right angle to these, at a lower level, there are 12 more! Plus a few practice traps. If you really want to see a well run and nifty place to shoot trap...Elysburg is the place. It's only 84 miles from HAS, and nearby if you are so inclined to visit a fine amusement park...three miles down the road is one of the oldest wooden roller-coasters in the US. A 'no fee, no parking fee' park called KNOEBLE'S. Worth the trip, rides for all ages. (no, I am NOT an agent for them)

Anyway at this opening weekend shoot, two (at least) really top guns were there...one memorable event was when two shooters 'ran' the 200 bird 16 yard event. They went 'at it' for the shoor-off...more than 225 MORE without a miss! Now, that's endurance and pressure, plus physical stamina, imagine lifting to your shoulder an eight pound item a few hundred times!

A few years ago at the same club, a 'shoot-off' record was set! That 'strength' portion is often evident with young people or women shooting a rather heavy shotgun. Certainly the extra weight takes up some of the felt recoil, but after shooting quite a bit, without conditioning, you will notice that these shooters will be leaning back a bit

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to permit the gun to line up. Problem here...as they lean backwards the gun automatically points above where they want to shoot...By the time they pull the trigger, the bird is starting to fall below their line of sight, so they have two problems. Two recommendations...start 'hefting' that 'ole shotgun a few dozen times a day, and also learn to lean forward a bit, almost like you are trying to duplicate a boxing jab. This leaning forward a bit will provide more control with the movement of the shotgun. Need I remind you that when you come to the range for trap...have that shotgun's ACTION OPEN...bolt handle back, pump handle back, break-open guns OPEN. Let everyone know it is SAFE! Do yourself another favor...before ANY shooting...check that the barrel is clear...you never know and it only takes a second.

The local ladies weekly card party was over and, over tea and some refreshments the usual small talk and some gossip was, as usual eventually about husbands and their annoying problems. During this portion of the discussion one of the ladies noticed that Ethel had been silent for some time. When she was asked if there was anything wrong...did she feel alright? "oh" she replied with a long thoughtful sigh." I was just thinking, you know, right now I would give just about anything I own just to have Harry alongside of me tonight and hear him snore" You could have heard a pin drop.

My old long time friend Ron Scheier is good enough to call me every now and then, long time pistol shooters and HSA members should remember him as former "Valley Pistol League president....anyway I gotta tell you, he still really misses our club..the old gang. Right now he is sweltering in 92 degree heat and almost matching humidity. But he also lets me know about the plain lousy club facilities he is confined to use....at \$75. a year! No rifle range, no indoor range (he was indeed a spark plug for our present range) and their club is open part of Wed., from noon till 5 on Sat & Sun. So guys and gals, look around...check other clubs...like over in NJ. I am a member of several other clubs....we are fortunate indeed.

Now I am NOT making THIS up...but the MC Monday 25 has an article "Funny Men are better in Bed, says new study." I will not go into detail as THIS is a family paper...but pointed out was that Humor is Sexy. Well, hey, I've been known to tell a few jokes now and then....actually there are two guys in the HSA group that would give a week's pay (if they had a job) to be able to tell me a 'new one' and there is a member of the pistol league who would give his trigger finger (not that it would matter a whole lot) to tell me "a new one" Sooo , anyway, ladies.....the article is on the first page

of LIFE:FAMILY or does this sound like an 'ad'?"

I was refilling up my cookie containers...couldn't believe the label On two different packages...labels are here in front of me...Keebler Made with REAL raisins. And the other one, an old favorite Made wit REAL PECANS. Now tell me, does anyone out there know of IMITATION raisins, (I'm not talkin'about those deer hunting 'smart pills) Or imitation Pecans? While I am at 'packaging.. tell me how some people open packages with this hard plastic wrap...or even open some jars?

*On occasion, one is privileged to accomplish the seemingly impossible. Jim Corbett
Speak no evil, hear no evil and you'll probably never be invited to a party.
The true mark of a champion is the ability to excel in a chosen field and successfully
combine that with normalcy in everyday life.*

Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament

Brock and Justine Williams would like to thank the sponsors and all of the volunteers who came out to help before, during, and after the 9th annual Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament.

This great day for kids wouldn't have been possible without everyone's extraordinary support, dedication, and donation of their time and skills! Thanks a Million! We truly appreciated your help to make such a great day happen for all of the kids!

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Congratulations to the following guests and members who purchased the winning tickets for the *50/50 Raffle*:

Tammy Newhouse, Eugene Lasso, Bob Terry, Fran Robb, Lester Clore, Maris Moreno, Jim Bambu, Ken Nelson, David Chasner, Jim Berger, and John Millets